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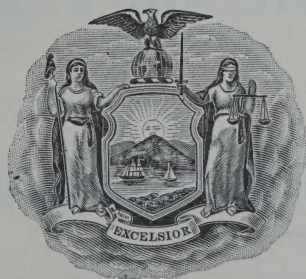
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ALBANY, N. Y., AUGUST 15-16, 1904.



EUGENE GRIFFIN,
Department Commander, 1903-1904.

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

Department of New York

PROCEEDINGS OF FIRST ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT.

COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

ALBANY, N. Y., *August 16, 1904.*

The first annual meeting of the Department of New York, United Spanish War Veterans was called to order at 10:30 A. M., August 15, 1904.

General Eugene Griffin, Department Commander, in the chair.

Prayer was offered by the Department Chaplain, Rev. W. H. I. Reaney.

Address by the Mayor of Albany extending a welcome to the delegates.

Reply by the Department Commander thanking the Mayor and the citizens of Albany for their kind welcome and courtesy.

Address of the Department Commander.

COMRADES.—This encampment marks an epoch in the history of the association of Spanish War Veterans. Three such associations have been organized since the close of the Spanish War, viz., the Spanish War Veterans, the Spanish-American War Veterans and the Service Men of the Spanish War. This natural rivalry of three associations has been injurious to the cause of the veterans. There is no room for more than one association, no good reason for the existence of more than one. Recognizing these facts efforts have been made to bring about a consolidation or amalgamation of these societies. Such efforts conducted along intelligent lines finally resulted in the amalgamation contract of April 18, 1904, which was signed by the National Commanders of each Association. Pursuant to this contract, the National Commander, on June 27, 1904, issued a special order

recognizing the corps officers of the New York State Corps of Spanish War Veterans as the department officers of the new amalgamated association. On receipt of this order I issued my General Order No. 1 as Department Commander of this State.

The new title for the Amalgamated Association is the United Spanish War Veterans, a very appropriate title, and this is the first State Encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans. It is a matter of personal gratification to me that this consolidation should have occurred during my term of office as Corps Commander. I think we may all feel proud that the amalgamation has been so easily effected without friction or serious complaint.

That there should be some complaints, some heart-burnings, some disappointments, is to be expected and we should all endeavor to allay and soothe any possible sores by pursuing a broad gauge policy which places the good of the association paramount to the likes or dislikes, the ambitions, friendships or hatreds of any members.

The Quartermaster's report will show the financial condition of the Department. On assuming the office of Corps Commander I found the Corps in debt; I leave it free from all debt and with a cash balance in the treasury.

As regards legislation favorable to the Veterans of the Spanish War, the report of the Judge-Advocate will give us full information. Of six bills introduced in the State Legislature in our behalf, three passed the Assembly. Of these three, two passed the Senate. One received the Governor's approval and one did not. The Judge-Advocate of the Corps appeared before the proper committees and urged the passage of all these bills. Great credit is due Judge-Advocate Ryan for his work in connection with these bills, and particularly for the favorable sentiment toward the Spanish War Veterans which he has created and developed amongst the members of the Legislature.

Senator Hill of Buffalo was especially helpful and active in aiding Judge-Advocate Ryan and a legislative committee of the Spanish-American War Veterans has also rendered valuable services in this respect.

On assuming office I found that the New York Corps consisted of thirty-seven Camps with a total membership of 4,734. Several

Camps were not in good standing having failed to pay both the State and National tax. Efforts have been made to bring these Camps into line, but so far without success. Now that the old organization has ceased to exist and the dues to the new organization begin in April of this year, it may be possible for these Camps to rehabilitate themselves and begin anew.

At the present time the United Spanish War Veterans of this State consists of fifty-six Camps.

I take this occasion to express my appreciation of the aid and assistance rendered by the Corps officers and the members of the Council of Administration in the administration of Corps affairs during the first year. While there must always be one executive in military affairs there is always wisdom in a multiplicity of councilors and this trust has been demonstrated anew during the past year.

My personal thanks are due, and are cheerfully tendered to the personal members of my staff, to Adjutant Fetzer, who kindly continued to serve in that capacity until I was able to appoint Adjutant Bishop upon his return from Europe, to Captain Leimbach who has filled the office of Corps Quartermaster with fidelity, diligence and accuracy, and to Adjutant Bishop whose old association with me as the Adjutant of my Regiment during the Spanish War was thus pleasantly renewed with great comfort and relief to myself and with the satisfaction of a duty well done to the Adjutant. I appreciate very highly the good work done by these officers and I am glad of the opportunity to thus publicly and strongly express my appreciations and thanks.

The following committees were then appointed by the chairman:

Committee on Rules and Regulations.—J. T. Ryan, F. C. Kuehnle, J. L. Whitley.

Committee on Press.—H. R. Bishop, A. W. La Rose, J. J. Phelan.

It was proposed, seconded and carried that a committee of three on rules and regulations governing the Department Encampment and all Department matters be appointed, these rules and regulations to be supplementary to the rules and regulations of the Na-

tional Army. The chairman announced that he would appoint this committee later.

As the committee on credentials, which had been appointed previous to the meeting and which consisted of J. T. Ryan, L. T. Fetzer, J. J. Phelan, W. W. Fenton Myers, C. P. Hamilton and H. R. Bishop, was not ready to report, the chairman called upon the Department Inspector, George L. Krug, for his report. He reported that the Department was in a flourishing condition showing an increase over last year and that all the Camps he had inspected were in a good condition.

Report of the Department Adjutant.

GENERAL EUGENE GRIFFIN, *Department Commander*:

SIR.—I have the honor to report, as Department Adjutant, as follows:

A very important change has been made in the Department by the fact of the Amalgamation between the Spanish War Veterans, Spanish-American War Veterans and the Service Men of the Spanish War. There are now fifty-seven Camps in the Department, namely:

Spanish War Veterans	38
Spanish-American War Veterans	18
Service Men of the Spanish War	1
Total	57

Full data and information have not yet been received regarding the Spanish-American War Veterans and the Service Men of the Spanish War; therefore the larger part of this report necessarily deals with the Spanish War Veterans.

The total strength of the Department is approximately:

Spanish War Veterans	1,962
Spanish-American War Veterans	897
Service Men of the Spanish War (unknown)	
Total	2,859

The names of the Camps are as follows:

SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

T. L. Wainsboro	Albany, N. Y.
Manhattan	New York city.
W. F. Randolph	Yonkers, N. Y.
Theodore Roosevelt	New York city.
Newell Rising	Port Chester, N. Y.
W. H. Hubbell	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Thomas H. Barber	Binghamton, N. Y.
Gloucester Naval	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Stephen Sanford	Amsterdam, N. Y.
Niagara Falls	Niagara Falls, N. Y.
W. R. Carmer	Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
Wm. H. Kirby	Tonawanda, N. Y.
E. Hardon	Whitehall, N. Y.
Cyrus Kay	Herkimer, N. Y.
L. B. Smith	Rochester, N. Y.
General Eugene Griffin	Schenectady, N. Y.
Griffin Engineers	New York city.
A. L. Kline	Brooklyn, N. Y.
N. W. Crosby	New Rochelle, N. Y.
S. Y. Seyburn	Buffalo, N. Y.
Saratoga Springs (Inoperative)	Saratoga Springs, N. Y.
Capron	Brooklyn, N. Y.
American Guard	New York city.
E. H. Liscum	Buffalo, N. Y.
Buckey O'Neil	Buffalo, N. Y.
W. Reed Wilson	Batavia, N. Y.
J. M. Jarvis	New York city.
W. S. Overton, Jr.	Whitestone, L. I.
Bruso-Chauncey	Buffalo, N. Y.
Naval Squadron	Brooklyn, N. Y.
General R. P. Hughes	Buffalo, N. Y.
Neptune Naval	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Admiral Philip	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Geo. D. Russell	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Old Guard	New York city.
J. S. Decker	Staten Island, N. Y.
Lawton	Brooklyn, N. Y.

SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR VETERANS.

Marcus D. Russell	Troy, N. Y.
Guy V. Henry	New York city.
Frank R. Palmer	Albany, N. Y.
Burton M. Beardslee	Walton, N. Y.
Hoosick	Hoosick Falls, N. Y.
Baron Steuben	Hornellsville, N. Y.
Horace Webster	Geneva, N. Y.
Auburn	Auburn, N. Y.
Van Gaasbeek	Geneva, N. Y.
Oscar Ross Wheeler	Utica, N. Y.
John V. Searles.....	Flushing, N. Y.
Emerson Liscum.....	Utica, N. Y.
Medina	Medina, N. Y.
C. G. Thing	Olean, N. Y.
Warren A. Wilson	Glens Falls, N. Y.
Clarence B. Brayton	Syracuse, N. Y.
Edward M. Hoffman	Elmira, N. Y.
Alfred C. Weller	Middletown, N. Y.

SERVICE MEN OF THE SPANISH WAR.

Samuel M. Porter.....	Jamestown, N. Y.
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Two new Camps have been added to the Department:

Lawton Camp	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Col. H. W. Hubbell Camp.....	New York City.

The last named was mustered in last week. Application for a charter has been made from Oswego, N. Y., and a new Camp should shortly be mustered in that place.

It has been impossible to obtain any answers to communications from the following Camps:

W F. Randolph.....	Yonkers, N. Y.
W. R. Kirby	Tonawanda, N. Y.
E. Hardon	Whitehall, N. Y.
Cyrus Kay	Herkimer, N. Y.
N. W. Crosby.....	New Rochelle, N. Y.
*Saratoga.....	Saratoga Springs, N. Y.
American Guard	New York city.

* (Inoperative — Charter in hands of Commander Hoppman, General Eugene Griffin Camp, Schenectady, N. Y.)

The Department Quartermaster's report will give the standing of these Camps as regards the Department and National per capita tax as well as the standing of the other Camps in the Department.

Criticism might be passed on a number of the Camps for the neglect and delay which they display in answering official communications. In one case when the Department Headquarters requested certain information from all of the camps it was necessary to send this request a third time to some of the Camps before the necessary information could be obtained. As another and recent illustration, only sixteen Camps have sent in the names of their delegates who are to attend the Department Encampment, although their Commanders were expressly ordered to do so in General Order No. 2 issued July 11th.

The following Camps deserve mention for the prompt way in which all communications to them are answered:

Manhattan Camp, W. H. Hubbell Camp, Gloucester Naval Camp, General Eugene Griffin Camp, Capron Camp, E. H. Lisicum Camp, Naval Squadron Camp, Neptune Naval Camp, Old Guard Camp, Frank R. Palmer Camp, Oscar Ross Wheeler Camp.

On Memorial Sunday the following Camps held services:

Manhattan Camp, W. H. Hubbell Camp, Old Guard Camp, Gloucester Naval Camp, James M. Jarvis Camp, Theodore Roosevelt Camp, Griffin Engineers Camp, J. S. Decker Camp, Naval Squadron Camp, Neptune Naval Camp.

Special mention should be made of the memorial services held by Gloucester Naval Camp at the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

As there seemed to be a difference of opinion between the Camps in Manhattan and Brooklyn, regarding parading together in New York on Memorial Day, the Camps did not parade as a whole but each Camp was instructed to parade as a separate unit in whatever Borough it thought fit. A majority of the Camps paraded and presented a fine appearance.

Mention should be made of the athletic games held in the Twenty-second Regiment Armory. These were pre-eminently successful and netted a profit to the Department of over \$500, practically clearing the Department from debt. Too much credit

cannot be given Captain Daniel J. Murphy, Twenty-second Regiment, and Mr. T. K. Henderson, the Department Commander's private secretary, for the untiring zeal and energy they displayed in organizing and managing these games.

Attached will be found General Orders No. 1—No. 5, inclusive, and Special Order No. 1, Spanish War Veterans, and General Orders No. 1 and No. 2, and Special Order No. 1, United Spanish War Veterans.

HEADQUARTERS — CORPS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

SPANISH WAR VETERANS,

35 Wall Street,

NEW YORK CITY, *October 15, 1903.*

General Orders No. 1.

SECTION 1. In taking command of this Corps, the Commander appreciates the magnitude of the work required to maintain it in the enviable position it now occupies in the National Army and Navy, and he is convinced that this can be accomplished by the earnest, sympathetic, and generous support of his administration by every officer and comrade. He takes this opportunity to thank his comrades for the honor they have conferred upon him, and to earnestly solicit their further support.

SECTION 2. For the information of all concerned, the following is a list of the Corps officers for the current year:

Commander — Gen. Eugene Griffin, 44 Broad street, New York.

Senior Vice-Commander — C. A. Simmons, Rochester, N. Y.

Junior Vice-Commander — William L. Beers, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Inspector — George L. Krug, New York.

Medical Director — J. H. Grant, 893 Ellicott square, Buffalo, N. Y.

Judge Advocate — J. T. Ryan, 11 Erie County Bank Building, Buffalo, N. Y.

Chaplain — W. H. I. Reaney, U. S. S., Columbia, Navy Yard, Brooklyn, N. Y.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

W. C. Wild, 15 West 99th street, New York.

Frederick L. Budde, 54 New York avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Frederick L. Peiffer, Rochester, N. Y.

W. Fenton Myers, Amsterdam, N. Y.

SECTION 3. The Corps Commander is pleased to announce the muster-in of Lawton Command No. 241, located at Morgan avenue and Gratten street, Brooklyn, N. Y. The Command is extended a hearty welcome.

SECTION 4. Until further orders, headquarters will remain at 35 Wall street, New York. All communications, unless otherwise ordered, will be sent to the Adjutant at that address.

SECTION 5. By vote of the Council of Administration a per capita tax of twenty (20) cents was levied to defray the expenses of the Corps for the current year. This tax is payable quarterly on the 11th day of October, January, April and July. This tax is payable to the Adjutant.

SECTION 6. The Corps Commander is pleased to announce the following entertainments: Manhattan Command No. 5, reception at Murray Hill Lyceum, Thursday evening, December 3, 1903; Neptune Naval Command No. 153, reception and review at Prospect Hall, Brooklyn, November 11, 1903; Norman W. Crosby Command No. 83, ball at New Rochelle November 2, 1903.

By order of

EUGENE GRIFFIN,

Corps Commander.

L. T. FETZER,

Corps Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS — CORPS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,
SPANISH WAR VETERANS,
35 Wall Street,

NEW YORK, *December 7, 1903.*

General Orders No. 2.

Comrade Heber R. Bishop is hereby appointed Corps Adjutant, vice Comrade L. T. Fetzer.

Comrade Charles Leimbach is hereby appointed Corps Quartermaster, vice Comrade W. J. S. Dineen.

Corps Headquarters is hereby transferred from 35 Wall street, New York, to 170 Broadway, New York City.

The Corps Commander desires to express his appreciation of the services rendered by the retiring Adjutant and Quatermaster who have worked with untiring zeal for the cause of the Spanish War Veterans' Association.

Comrade Fetzer, in particular has rendered specially valuable services to the Corps Commander due to his familiarity with the past records of the Corps.

EUGENE GRIFFIN,
Corps Commander.

HEADQUARTERS — CORPS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,
SPANISH WAR VETERANS,
170 Broadway,

NEW YORK CITY, N. Y., *February 27, 1904.*

General Orders No. 3.

I. Corps Headquarters is hereby transferred from No. 170 Broadway to No. 27 William Street, New York City, N. Y.

II. Until the rules and regulations adopted at the last National Assembly shall have been promulgated, the National per capita tax shall be paid to the Adjutant General at National Headquarters; the Corps per capita tax, and other Corps moneys due, to the Corps Quartermaster directly.

III. Special attention is called to General Orders No. 4, Paragraphs 1 and 2, from National Headquarters. A number of the Commands of this Corps are very much in arrears as regards this tax, several not having paid it since their organization. This remissness reflects on the Corps of the State of New York as a whole, and Captains of Commands are strongly urged to see that all past taxes are collected and forwarded with the present tax to the Adjutant General, at the same time advising the Corps Adjutant regarding their action in this matter.

IV. Attention is called to the fact that the Corps per capita tax for the months of January, February and March is now due, and should be paid to the Corps Quartermaster as soon as possible, together with any back tax due. Prompt action is urged in this matter. The address of the Corps Quartermaster is Charles Leimbach, Esq., No. 40 Cumberland Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

V. The Corps Commander expects to be in Albany shortly to appear before the proper committees of the Legislature to urge the adoption of certain bills favorable to the welfare of this organization. A list of the proposal bills will shortly be forwarded to the Captains of commands, and they are requested to take whatever steps they may deem advisable to secure the co-operation of the State representatives of the districts in which their commands are situated.

VI. Attention is called to the Athletic Tournament and Games of the Spanish War Veterans Athletic Association, to be held in the Twenty-second Regiment Armory on Saturday evening, March 5th. Subscriptions to the prize fund have already been received from

The President of the United States.

Hon. Elihu Root, Ex-Secretary of War.

General Oliver, Assistant Secretary of War.

Admiral Dewey.

General Gillespie, Chief of Engineers, U. S. A.

General Crozier, Chief of Ordnance.

Major-General Corbin.

Senators Hanna, Platt, Alger, Lodge, Proctor and Depew.

Hon. George B. McClellan, Mayor of New York City.

Colonel J. J. Astor.

Hon. P. H. McCarren.

Association Officers, First U. S. Vol. Engineers.

It is hoped that there will be a large attendance from the several commands, and that a large list of entries will be sent from each command, especially for the events open only to Spanish War Veterans and members of the Military Athletic League.

A flag, presented by the President of the United States, is offered to the command selling the largest number of tickets.

By order of

EUGENE GRIFFIN,
Corps Commander.

H. R. BISHOP,
Corps Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS — CORPS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,
SPANISH WAR VETERANS,

170 Broadway,

NEW YORK CITY, N. Y., *February 27, 1904.*

General Orders No. 4.

I. The Corps countersign for the current year is

27—5—38—25—22—17—7—28—33—36.

II. The Corps "Parole" for the current year is

17—5—20—16—23—17—30.

By order of

EUGENE GRIFFIN,
Corps Commander.

H. R. BISHOP,
Corps Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS — CORPS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,
SPANISH WAR VETERANS,

27 William Street,

NEW YORK CITY, N. Y., *May 16, 1904.*

General Orders No. 5.

I. Memorial Day is the day set apart by the Nation to do honor to all men who have laid down their lives in defense of the honor of the United States of America.

Our love for our Comrades who perished in the late war, and our duty towards our organization calls upon us to pay all honor and respect to them, by special religious ceremonies, by decorating their graves and by parading in their honor. Let us all participate in these ceremonies so that we may cherish and keep warm the memory of our beloved Comrades and our Faith unshaken in Freedom, Patriotism and Humanity.

II. *Memorial Sunday.* The following services will be held by the different Commands:

Manhattan Command No. 5, will hold their Memorial Services at the Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel, 90th street between Second and Third avenues, at 8 o'clock in the evening. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. J. N. Connolly, Chaplain of the 12th Regiment, N. G. N. Y., and Rector of this Church. All Comrades are invited to attend.

Hubbell Command No. 12, will hold services at the grave of our late Commander-in-Chief, Wm. H. Hubbell, at Cypress Hills Cemetery, under the direction of Command Chaplain, Wm. H. I. Green.

Gloucester Naval Command No. 17, will hold Memorial Services on the campus of the Marine Barracks, Brooklyn Navy Yard, at 10 a. m. The Rev. W. H. I. Reaney, Chaplain, United States Navy, National Army and Navy and Corps of the State of New York, Spanish War Veterans, will officiate, assisted by the Rev. John P. Chidwick, formerly Chaplain U. S. S. "Maine," and Past Chaplain National Army and Navy and Corps of the

State of New York, Spanish War Veterans; the Rev. J. B. Daly, Chaplain, 69th Regiment, N. G. N. Y., and the Rev. John F. Nash, of Brooklyn. There will be choral selections by the Arion Singing Society of Brooklyn. Invitations have been sent to all Grand Army and Civil War Veteran Posts, also to the officials, officers, sailors and marines stationed at the Navy Yard, as well as to all officers and soldiers stationed at Fort Columbus, Fort Hamilton and Fort Wadsworth. Also to all National Guard Regiments of Brooklyn, Naval Militia, War Veteran Societies, Arion Society, Church and Patriotic organizations, and all Commands and Ladies' Auxiliaries of Spanish War Veterans of Greater New York.

All commands are urged to attend this ceremony, notifying Comrade James S. Long, Captain, Gloucester Naval Command, No. 17.

Naval Squadron No. 145, will participate in the ceremonies at the Brooklyn Navy Yard and will then go to Greenwood Cemetery to visit their shipmates' graves, and afterwards to the grave of our late Commander-in-Chief, Wm. H. Hubbel.

Neptune Naval Command No. 153, will participate in the Memorial Services at the Marine Barracks, Brooklyn Navy Yard, and will send a detail of men to decorate their shipmates' graves.

III. Memorial Day. All Commands are urged to parade on this day and to make as good a showing as is possible both in numbers and equipment.

The New York and Brooklyn Commands will not parade together as in the last two years, because of the desire expressed by several of the Brooklyn Commands to parade in their own Borough.

In these Boroughs the Commands will parade as units, sending their own application for instructions and a place in line to the Grand Marshal of the parade in their respective Boroughs. Blanks for the parade in New York City were forwarded to the different Commands in and around Greater New York on April 18th.

The Corps Commander has accepted the invitation of the Grand Marshal, G. A. R., New York City, to review the parade from the reviewing stand with the Governor of the State of New York and officers of the G. A. R.

The following City officials, Corporation Counsel, City Chamberlain, Fire Commissioner, Tenement-House Commissioner, Mayor's Secretary, Bridge Commissioner, Police Commissioner, Health Commissioner, Street Cleaning Commissioner, Commissioner of Charities, Commissioner of Correction, Commissioner of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity, Dock Commissioner, Civil Service Commissioners, Tax Commissioners, Commissioners of Accounts, Park Commissioners, have been requested by the Corps Commander to grant a holiday to all Spanish War Veterans so that they may parade with their respective Commands.

By order of

EUGENE GRIFFIN,
Corps Commander.

H. R. BISHOP,
Corps Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,
UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS,

27 William Street,

NEW YORK, N. Y., *July 11, 1904.*

General Orders No. 1.

I. The Amalgamation agreement, by and between the Spanish War Veterans, the Spanish-American War Veterans, and the Service men of the Spanish War, duly executed by the Commanders-in-Chief of the three organizations on the 18th day of April, 1904, provides:

"Sec. 14. It is hereby provided that when two or more organizations hereby united exist in any one State, Territory or possession, the organization therein having the largest membership as shown by the records in the office of the Adjutant-General, National Encampment United Spanish War Veterans, upon blanks furnished for that purpose, shall be regarded as the parent organization in said State, Territory or possession, and its officers

recognized in accordance therewith, and to serve as such until the first regular meeting of the department, United Spanish War Veterans, in the State, Territory or possession aforesaid."

II. The Commander-in-Chief of the United Spanish War Veterans, in compliance with section 14 of the Amalgamation Agreement, by S. O. No. 4, dated June 27, 1904, recognizes and announces the following officers of the New York Corps of the Spanish War Veterans as the officers of the New York Department of the United Spanish War Veterans:

Eugene Griffin, Department Commander; C. A. Simmons, Department Senior Vice Commander; Wm. L. Beers, Department Junior Vice Commander; Geo. L. Krug, Department Inspector; J. T. Ryan, Department Judge-Advocate; J. H. Grant, Department Medical Director; W. H. I. Reaney, Department Chaplain.

Department Council of Administration: W. C. Wild, F. L. Budde, F. L. Peiffer, W. F. Meyers.

III. Under authority of said Special Order No. 4, from the Commander-in-Chief, the undersigned hereby assumes command of the New York Department of the United Spanish War Veterans. The following staff officers are announced:

Department Adjutant, Heber R. Bishop; Department Quartermaster, Charles Leimbach.

IV. Attention is called to the changes in designations adopted for the united commands. In the National organization the officers are Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, etc. The State organization is designated as a Department and the officers are Department Commander, Senior Vice-Commander, etc. The local organizations are designated as Camps instead of Commands, and the officers are Commander, Senior Vice-Commander, etc. The terms Corps, Corps Commander, Assembly, Corps Assembly, Command, Captain and Lieutenant, etc., have been abolished.

EUGENE GRIFFIN,
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,
UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS,

27 William Street,

NEW YORK, N. Y., *July 11, 1904.*

General Orders No. 2.

I. In compliance with Sec. 4, Art. 6, of the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the United Spanish War Veterans, the Department Commander with the advice and consent of the Department Council of Administration, announces that the annual Department Encampment will be held in the City of Albany, N. Y., on the 15th, 16th and 17th day of August, 1904; the first meeting being held in the rooms of the Common Council, City Hall, Albany, at 10 A. M., August 15th.

II. Attention is called to Sec. 21, Art. 7, of the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, which provides:

“Any camp in arrears for reports, or dues, either to the Department or National Organization, shall be excluded from all representation in the Department meeting until the same are forwarded, and the Department dues must be paid at least thirty days preceding the encampment.”

The Council of Administration has decided that representation at the Department Encampment shall be on the basis of the returns of June 30, 1904, and that each camp must have paid its Department per capita tax for three months prior to June 30th. If such tax has not been paid, the proper sum may be sent by mail to the Department Adjutant, Heber R. Bishop, No. 27 William street, New York City, prior to August 13th.

The strength of the Camp (i. e. the number of comrades in good standing) which determines the number of delegates, will be shown by the receipts from the Department Adjutant for the per capita tax for the three months prior to June 30th, 1904, which at the rate levied, is five (5) cents per man. The Council of Administration has fixed upon this period of three months as being substantially the period from the date of the Amalgamation Contract up to June 30th, and the Department Commander and Department Council of Administration hold that the Department Encampment will have no authority to exclude from participation in its meetings any properly organized camp which is not in arrears to the De-

partment of the United Spanish War Veterans, even though it be in arrears to any one of the three organizations which existed prior to the April amalgamation, provided said Camp be otherwise in good and proper standing.

III. Each camp in good standing is entitled to one or more delegates to the Department Encampment. The representation has been fixed at one delegate for each fifty members in good standing, or fraction of fifty. Each camp will be entitled to at least one delegate, whatever its strength. If its strength be more than fifty it will be entitled to two delegates. If its strength be more than one hundred it will be entitled to three delegates, and so on. Department officers and Past Department officers, Camp Commanders and Past Camp Commanders are entitled to attend the encampment in their individual capacity, not necessarily as delegates. Department officers and Past Department officers, Camp Commanders and Past Camp Commanders, are requested to promptly notify the Department Adjutant of their intention to attend the Encampment. Camp Commanders are requested to promptly notify the Department Adjutant of the selection of delegates, giving full names and addresses. It is desirable that a complete and accurate roster be prepared in advance of the encampment.

IV. As this will be the first Department Encampment of the United organization, the Department Commander desires to impress upon all delegates, commanders and officers attending, the necessity for harmony in all proceedings, the avoidance of all controversies and causes of controversies, the exercise of mutual forbearance and the cultivation of a determination to consider only the good of the organization, suppressing animosities and sacrificing, if necessary, friendships and personal ambitions for the good of the cause.

By order of

EUGENE GRIFFIN,

Department Commander.

H. R. BISHOP,

Department Adjutant.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) H. R. BISHOP,

Department Adjutant.

Report of the Department Quartermaster.

To the Department Commander, Officers and Delegates:

I respectfully submit to you the following report as provided for in article 6, section 8 of the Rules and Regulations of the United Spanish War Veterans.

The funds of the Department are known as the Wetherill Tablet Fund and the General Fund.

The Wetherill Tablet Fund was turned over to me by the former Corps Quartermaster, W. J. S. Dineen, and was subscribed to by the following Camps:

Nov. 1, 1902, Capron, No. 99.....	\$5 00
Dec. 4, 1902, Neptune, No. 153.....	5 00
Dec. 30, 1902, Seyburn, No. 89.....	5 00
Dec. 30, 1902, Griffin, No. 63.....	5 00
Dec. 30, 1902, Manhattan, No. 5.....	10 00
Feb. 10, 1903, Gloucester, No. 17.....	5 00
Total	\$35 00

This fund should receive due consideration from the Encampment and provision should be made for whatever legislation is deemed necessary.

The General Fund has been obtained through a number of the Camps paying their regular levied Department per capita tax and through the untiring efforts of the Department Commander, General Griffin, Mr. T. K. Henderson and a number of other gentlemen and Comrades of the order.

Received from W. J. S. Dineen, former Corps Quartermaster:

1904.

Jan.	16	\$15 74
	Lawton, No. 241	1 15
Feb.	5. Lawton, No. 241	1 55
	Admiral Phillip, No. 159.....	12 00
	Decker, No. 200.....	5 00
	Old Guard, No. 195.....	3 70
	Jarvis, No. 126.....	5 80
	8. Capron, No. 99.....	2 95
	18. Sanford, No. 18.....	6 00
	Neptune, No. 153.....	5 70

1904.

Feb.	18.	Carmer, No. 26.....	\$2 30
		Old Guard, No. 195.....	2 75
	25.	Neptune, No. 153.....	6 60
March	18.	Gloucester, No. 17.....	3 05
		Gloucester, No. 17.....	3 65
	22.	Liscum, No. 105.....	2 20
April		Manhattan, No. 5.....	8 65
	4.	Niagara, No. 22.....	16 20
	8.	Naval, No. 145.....	1 90
	11.	L. B. Smith, No. 53.....	17 10
		Capron, No. 99.....	1 80
	16.	Lawton, No. 241.....	2 50
	19.	Neptune, No. 153.....	7 05
	29.	Naval, No. 145.....	2 20
	18.	Sanford, No. 18.....	6 00
	30.	Hubbell, No. 12.....	15 00
May	7.	Decker, No. 200.....	5 00
	11.	Old Guard, No. 195.....	5 20
	14.	Griffin, No. 63.....	10 80
	18.	Gloucester, No. 17.....	4 35
	21.	O'Neil, No. 108.....	3 00
	27.	Carmer, No. 26.....	1 15
June	3.	Liscum, No. 105.....	2 20
		Liscum, No. 105.....	2 20
	9.	Seyburn, No. 89.....	14 60
	17.	T. K. Henderson.....	500 00
	28.	Kline, No. 81.....	6 50
		Kline, No. 81.....	6 90
July	30.	H. R. Bishop (Dept. Adjt.).....	50
	13.	Capron, No. 99.....	1 80
	15.	Neptune, No. 153.....	7 95
	26.	Sanford, No. 18.....	2 85
	27.	Lawton, No. 241.....	3 70
		O'Neil, No. 108.....	3 00
	29.	Carmer, No. 26.....	1 15
	30.	Hubbell, No. 12.....	7 65
		Griffin Eng., No. 68.....	2 50
	3.	Barber, No. 14.....	5 60
Aug.	5.	Manhattan, No. 5.....	8 10
		Old Guard, No. 195.....	5 15
		L. B. Smith, No. 53.....	12 90
		Chauncey, No. 139.....	70

Total. \$777 99

DISBURSEMENTS AS PER AUTHORIZED VOUCHERS.

1904.

Feb.	4.	Voucher No. 1.....	\$7 25
March	7.	Voucher No. 2.....	24 30
	31.	Voucher No. 3.....	56 72
May	9.	Voucher No. 4.....	67 52
June	30.	Voucher No. 5.....	346 05
July	8.	Voucher No. 6.....	80 20
		Voucher No. 7.....	9 87
Total			\$591 91

It should be remembered that the disbursements are very large, owing to the fact that \$346.05 has been paid by the present Department administration, which represents an old debt handed down from the former administration.

The Department Commander, General Griffin, through his untiring efforts has placed the Department on a sound financial basis.

Total receipts General Fund	\$777 99
Total receipts Wetherill Tablet Fund.....	35 00
Grand total	\$812 99
Total disbursements	591 91
Cash balance on hand.....	\$221 08

The following report will set forth how the Camps have paid, and for how many Comrades they have paid, and the number of Comrades paid for represents the voting strength of each Camp. This should receive your due consideration.

General Order No. 1 issued on October 15, 1903, called for a per capita tax of twenty (20) cents for each Comrade borne on the rolls of each Camp. This tax should be paid quarterly on October 11, 1903, January 11, April 11 and July 11, 1904, and if paid would put the Camp in good standing up to September 30, 1904.

The following Camps have paid up to September 30, 1904, and have complied with General Order No. 1:

No. 12.	William H. Hubbell, on.....	151	Comrades
No. 14.	Thos. H. Barber, on.....	28	"
No. 22.	Niagara Falls, on	58	"
No. 26.	William R. Carmer, on.....	23	"
No. 81.	A. L. Kline, on.....	69	"
No. 89.	Stephen Y. Seyburn, on.....	73	"
No. 99.	Capron, on	36	"
No. 108.	Buckey O'Neil, on	30	"
No. 153.	Neptune Naval, on	159	"
No. 159.	Admiral Philips, on	60	"
No. 200.	Joseph S. Decker, on.....	50	"
No. 241.	Lawton, on	74	"
No. 195.	Old Guard, on	103	"

General Order No. 2, issued July 11, 1904, permits Camps one-quarter in arrears, to be represented at this Encampment by their delegates, provided they have paid up to June 30, 1904. The following Camps have complied with General Order No. 2.

No. 18.	Stephen Sanford, on	57	Comrades
No. 63.	Eugene Griffin, on	72	"
No. 105.	E. H. Liscum, on.....	44	"
No. 53.	L. Boardman Smith, on	258	"
No. 5.	Manhattan, on	205	"

The following Camps are three quarters in arrears according to General Order No. 1. General Order No. 2, however, permits them to be represented by delegates:

No. 68, Griffin Engineers Camp, on 50 Comrades, paid for months of April, May and June, 1904.

No. 139, Bruso Chauncey Camp, on 14 Comrades, for April, May and June, 1904.

The following Camps have not paid since September, 1903, and, according to General Order No. 1 are four quarters in arrears:

No. 7, W. F. Randolph Camp, on 20 Comrades, September 25, 1903.

No. 125, W. Reed Wilson Camp, on 13 Comrades, August 24, 1903.

No. 126, Jas. M. Jarvis Camp, on 58 Comrades, February 5, 1904 (for year 1903).

The following Camp paid last, March 23, 1903, and is six quarters in arrears:

No. 11, Newell Rising, on 15 Comrades, last payment.

The following Camps have not paid since the date set opposite their names:

No. 3.	Thos. L. Wainsboro, August 20, 1900.....	\$5 25
No. 27.	W. R. Kirby, never paid.....	....
No. 44.	E. Hardon, August 11, 1900.....	1 60
No. 51.	Cyrus Kay, February 4, 1901.....	1 65
No. 83.	Norman W. Crosby, August 15, 1901.....	1 25
No. 103.	American Guard (never paid) .....	....

The Department Quartermaster wrote a number of letters to paid Camp and in most cases did not even receive an answer.

In a number of cases he had to wait weeks for a reply; this fact should receive the consideration of each delegate present.

It should be made the practice to answer all letters promptly and pay all taxes due on time in order to insure success of the Department administration and reflect credit on the order as a whole.

In conclusion I wish to thank the Department Commander for the confidence placed in me by appointing me Department Quartermaster.

I also wish to thank all the comrades who have helped me to make my office a pleasant one long to be remembered.

I am most respectfully and fraternally,

(Signed) CHARLES LEIMBACH,
Department Quartermaster.

Supplementary Report of the Department Quartermaster, United Spanish War Veterans.

Department Commander, Officers and Delegates:

Owing to the fact that some of the Camps did not pay their Department per capita tax or part of their Department tax up to the time of completion of the regular report, but, with the object in view, of giving all Camps a chance to pay up, thereby obtaining the right to be represented by their delegates at this Encampment, I have been compelled to submit to you a supplementary report.

		Total receipts as shown by general report, ...	\$777 99
		Received since completion of regular report:	
1904.			
Aug.	9.	O. R. Wheeler Camp, No. 155.....	1 95
	10.	Naval Camp, No. 145.....	2 35
		Naval Camp, No. 145.....	2 70
		W. S. Overton, Camp No. 132.....	1 70
	12.	Manhattan Camp, No. 5.....	10 25
		Gloucester Naval Camp, No. 17.....	5 10
	15.	Hughes Camp, No. 150.....	10 60
		Decker Camp, No. 200.....	1 20
		Roosevelt Camp, No. 10.....	12 00
		Admiral Philip Camp, No. 159.....	3 65
		Russell Camp, No. 190.....	2 31
		M. D. Russell Camp, No. 104.....	5 20
		Guy V. Henry Camp, No. 38.....	6 40
		Frank R. Palmer Camp, No. 61.....	6 15
		B. M. Beardslee Camp, No. 103.....	1 25
		Hoosick Camp, No. 110.....	2 00
		B. Steuben Camp, No. 131.....	1 25
		H. Webster Camp, No. 143.....	1 85
		Auburn Camp, No. 152.....	1 15
		Van Gaasbeck Camp, No. 153.....	1 05
		John V. Searles Camp, No. 160.....	1 60
		E. Liscum Camp, No. 165.....	4 70
		Medina Camp, No. 200.....	1 95
		C. G. Thing Camp, No. 204.....	1 95
		W. A. Wilson Camp, No. 260.....	2 00
		C. E. Brayton Camp, No. 277.....	90
		E. M. Hoffman Camp, No. 283.....	1 75
		A. C. Weller Camp, No. 285.....	2 05
		Total	\$875 00

Disbursements as per authorized vouchers, shown by regular report \$591 91

Since completion of regular report:

1904.

Aug.	12.	Voucher No. 8.....	6 00
	15.	Voucher No. 9.....	98 43
		Voucher No. 10.....	40 00
		Voucher No. 11.....	30 00

Total.	\$766 34
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Grand total receipts Wetherill Tablet Fund.....	\$35 00
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Grand total receipts General Fund.....	875 00
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Grand total receipts.....	\$910 00
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Grand total disbursements.....	766 34
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Total cash balance on hand.....	\$143 66
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Examined and approved by Council of Administration, August 16, 1904:

FREDERICK BUDDE,
W. L. BEERS,
W. FENTON MYERS.

The following Camps have paid up to the date of September 30, 1904, in addition to those Camps reported upon in my regular report, and have, therefore, complied with General Order No. 1 issued October 15, 1903:

No.		Comrades.
145.	Naval Camp on.....	54
17.	Gloucester Naval Camp on.....	102
150.	Hughes Camp on.....	53
12.	Roosevelt Camp on.....	60

The following Camps are legally entitled to representation at this Encampment, under authority of General Order No. 2, issued July 11, 1904:

No.	Camp.	Comrades.	Delegates.
12.	William H. Hubbell.....	151	4
14.	Thomas H. Barber	28	1
22.	Niagara Falls	58	2
26.	William R. Carmer.....	23	1
81.	A. L. Kline.....	69	2

No.	Camp.	Comrades.	Delegates.
89.	Stephen Y. Seyburn.....	73	2
99.	Capron.	36	1
108.	Buckey O'Neil	30	1
153.	Neptune Naval	159	4
159.	Admiral Philip	60	2
200.	Decker.	56	2
241.	Lawton.	74	2
195.	Old Guard	103	3
145.	Naval.....	54	2
17.	Gloucester.	102	3
18.	Stephen Sanford	57	2
63.	Eugene Griffin.....	72	2
105.	E. H. Liscum.....	44	1
53.	L. Boardman Smith.....	258	6
5.	Manhattan.	205	5
68.	Griffin Engineers	50	1
139.	Bruso Chauncey	14	1
155.	O. R. Wheeler.....	39	1
132.	W. S. Overton.....	34	1
10.	Roosevelt.	60	2
150.	Hughes.....	53	2
10.	Marcus D. Russell.....	104	3
190.	Russell.	37	1
38.	Guy V. Henry.....	124	3
61.	Frank R. Palmer.....	123	3
103.	Burton M. Beardslee.....	25	1
110.	Hoosick.	40	1
131.	Baron Steuben	25	1
143.	Horace Webster	37	1
152.	Auburn	23	1
153.	Van Gaasbeck	21	1
160.	John V. Searles.....	32	1
165.	Emerson Liscum	94	2
200.	Medina.	39	1
204.	C. G. Thing.....	39	1
260.	Warren A. Wilson.....	40	1
277.	Clarence E. Brayton	18	1
283.	Edward M. Hoffman.....	35	1
285.	Alfred C. Weller.....	41	1
		2589	81

The foregoing Camps, in addition to their regular delegates, are entitled to be represented by their Camp Commanders and Past Camp Commanders.

The Department Quartermaster recommends to each delegate present, that in the future he will see to it that his respective

Camp pay its per capita tax on time, thereby saving the Department Quartermaster much time and trouble.

The practice of falling in arrears is unbusinesslike and should not be tolerated among men and Spanish War Veterans.

In closing my report I respectfully request the Department Commander to order the Department Council of Administration to audit the books and vouchers of my office.

Very respectfully and fraternally,

(Signed) CHARLES LEIMBACH,
Department Quartermaster.

TO GENERAL EUGENE GRIFFIN, *Department Commander, and
Comrades in Encampment assembled:*

We the undersigned members of the Council of Administration, appointed a committee to examine and audit the books and accounts of the Department Quartermaster, do respectfully report that we have carefully examined the books of account and all vouchers of the Quartermaster, and find same correct in every respect, and all moneys on hand duly accounted for as shown by and called for by the report of said Quartermaster presented to this Encampment. We also report that we find that all books and accounts have been carefully kept.

Dated, Albany, N. Y., August 16, 1904.

(Signed) W. L. BEERS,

(Signed) W. FENTON MYERS,

(Signed) FRED'K BUDDE,

Council of Administration, Auditing Committee.

Report of the Judge-Advocate.

To the Officers and Delegates:

COMRADES.—I have the honor to submit herewith, my report as Judge-Advocate of the Department.

Pursuant to the provision of section 14 of the amalgamation agreement, I was recognized and announced as the Judge-Advocate of the Department, U. S. W. V., per paragraph 3, Special Order No. 4, dated June 27, 1904, Headquarters National Army, and immediately thereafter entered upon my duties.

Prior thereto, and since the Rochester Encampment of the Spanish War Veterans, I have been the Judge-Advocate of that organization. Much of my work consisted in the review of the proceedings had in the trial of members of the organization and in construing the different sections of the rules and regulations. In view of the altered condition of the organization, and the changes made in the rules and regulations, I do not consider that it would be at all advantageous, nor, in fact, do I consider it the part of wisdom, to give to this Encampment a detailed report of the work performed by me as Judge-Advocate of the Spanish War Veterans, Corps of the State of New York, an organization now extinct.

Since assuming the duties of Judge-Advocate of the Department of New York, U. S. W. V., I have been called upon to render a decision as to the standing of Past Department officers, and particularly as to the standing of Past Department Chaplains in the Department Encampment; also as to the standing of Past Camp Commanders who have resigned before the expiration of their terms of office and the standing of the same in the Department Encampment.

In the first instance I have ruled that the only Past Department officers who are entitled to seats and votes in the Department Encampment, by reason thereof, are the Past Department Commanders. All other Past Department officers wishing to sit and vote in the Department Encampment must be regularly elected delegates.

In the second instance, I have held that Past Camp Commanders who have resigned their positions before the expiration of their terms, are not entitled to sit and vote in the Department Encampment. My reason for such decision being that, while the rules and regulations are not clear on that point, it was the evident intention of the Convention that framed the same that only those who served out a full term should be entitled to seats and votes in the Department Encampment. Otherwise a Camp could have a dozen Past Commanders in one year, and in that way have an influence and representation in the Department Encampment entirely out of proportion to the representation that the framers of the rules and regulations intended that such Camp should

have. The matter, however, is one that should be passed upon by the National Judge-Advocate before it can be considered as finally determined.

There was one feature of my duties as Judge-Advocate of the Spanish War Veterans that was not confined to the membership of the organization, but took into consideration the benefit and interest of all Spanish War Veterans in the State of New York, whether affiliated with any organization or not, and that was the work of securing favorable legislation for veterans of the Spanish War.

Soon after my election, I took up with my predecessor, Captain Whitley, as well as with his predecessor, Captain Ward, the work of preparing bills for introduction into the Senate and Assembly during the last Session of our Legislature. I also examined the laws favorable to the Spanish War Veterans that are already on the statute books of several of our neighboring States, and carefully went over the laws of the State of New York favorable to the G. A. R., and as a result of my labor, prepared and had introduced into the Senate and Assembly, at the first session of the respective bodies, the following six measures which I herewith submit, giving a concise statement of their purport and a brief history of their course in the Legislature.

No. 103, providing for the amendment to the Poor Law, so as to authorize commands to distribute poor relief.

This bill asked for the same privilege of distributing poor relief that is now granted to the G. A. R. It was referred to the Finance Committee of the Senate and the Ways and Means Committee of the Assembly. I appeared before the Committees of both the Senate and Assembly in behalf of this measure and was told very frankly by both bodies that, in view of the fact that our organization was as yet a young one and that under existing law we were able to secure relief from the G. A. R. without the necessity of undergoing the unpleasant feature of applying to the poor authorities, that they did not at this time consider such legislation necessary, and that it would be time enough to ask for it when the G. A. R. had reached the stage where they were no longer able to conduct that branch of the splendid work the organization was performing.

My own judgment is that said measure cannot be passed for some years to come, and that no material advantage will accrue to the organization by having such a bill become a law so long as the G. A. R. performs the duty impartially and treats the indigent veterans of the Spanish War fairly.

No. 109, providing for the issuance of licenses to peddle and auction to honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines of the Spanish War. This measure was referred to the Committee on Judiciary of both the Senate and Assembly before which bodies I appeared in its behalf. The bill was amended by inserting a provision excepting the City of Greater New York from its operation and making it apply only to veterans who had served beyond the seas and was then reported out of both Committees.

On being informed of the amendments inserted in said bill, I at once vigorously protested against them, writing letters to the members of both Committees, and was soon after informed that the amendments had been stricken from the bill and that the bill had passed both houses in its original form.

I was informed that the measure was before the Governor awaiting his signature, and at once secured such influence as was at hand in order to have the Governor sign the same. The bill became a law May 3, 1904, and in its final form contained a provision making the issuance of licenses apply only to those "who served beyond the seas."

This provision tends to create a class distinction among the Spanish War Veterans foreign to the spirit of fraternity that should exist, and contrary to good sense and justice and I recommend that at the next session of the Legislature, a bill be introduced, amending the present law by striking out the objectionable words.

No. 110, providing for the issuance of stands of arms to Camps of Spanish War Veterans. It was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs before which bodies I appeared in its behalf. This bill met with very serious opposition from the officers of the National Guard and was impossible of passage because of the report made by the Adjutant-General's office, that there were no arms at hand that could be supplied to camps of Spanish War Veterans.

I had an interview of some length with General Henry on this bill and he very frankly stated to me his position which, I am informed, was practically embodied in his report on the measure to the Committee on Military Affairs and which I have just briefly stated. I believe the State, as well as our organization, would derive a considerable amount of benefit by having stands of arms distributed among the Camps of the United Spanish War Veterans; that thereby our members could continue in the practice of the Manual and keep up to date in the changes that may be made therein, and thus be prepared, should the occasion present itself, to act as the nucleus of instruction for the raw material that will always have to be depended upon to form the second line of defense.

I recommend that this bill be introduced in the next session of the Legislature.

No. 111, providing for the uses of armories as meeting places for Spanish War Veterans organizations. This bill was referred to the Military Affairs Committee before which bodies I appeared in its behalf. I again found that the National Guard was opposed to this measure and immediately called upon General Henry and had considerable discussion, pro and con, as to the advantages and disadvantages of the proposed legislation. I found him uncompromisingly in opposition to the measure, and realizing the benefit to be derived from such a bill and the necessity of it to the organization, I immediately instituted a personal canvass among the members of the Military Affairs Committees of both Senate and Assembly, and am glad to say succeeded in convincing them of the merits of the bill. It passed both Senate and Assembly and upon its reaching the Governor I again exerted and directed what influence I could reach to have the Governor sign the same. In this instance, however, I was unsuccessful and have to report to this Convention that the bill died on the Governor's table, evidently as the result of the "fine Italian hand" of the Adjutant-General's office.

In view of the opposition of the National Guard to this measure, I do not recommend that it be again introduced, but recommend that as a substitute, and one that I believe will serve the same purpose, that a bill be introduced authorizing the Boards

of Supervisors of counties and the Common Council of cities to permit the United Spanish War Veterans to use county and city buildings for places of meeting. This bill, I believe, will pass and it will then rest with the local Camps as to whether they can secure the necessary legislation in their respective cities and counties.

No. 112, providing for the presentation of medals, was referred to the Finance Committee of the Senate and the Ways and Means Committee of the Assembly before which I appeared in its behalf.

This measure was drafted by me along the lines of similar bills in several neighboring States. I selected what I considered the best features of all the measures. It was never reported out of the committees for the reason, as the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Senate stated to me, that an effort was being made to conduct an economical session of the Legislature and as the measure required an appropriation of \$10,000, he did not feel as though it should be passed at that time.

I recommend that this bill be again introduced.

No. 118, providing for the admission of Spanish War Veterans to the Soldiers and Sailors' Home at Bath, New York. This measure was referred to the Committee on Finance of the Senate and Ways and Means of the Assembly before which I appeared in its behalf. This measure was reported out by the Assembly Committee and was passed by that body. When it was taken up before the Senate by the Finance Committee of that body a strong protest against its passage was made by the gentlemen in charge of the Home, who stated, what is undoubtedly true, that the Home was so over crowded that it would be impossible to take care of any person in addition to those already there, etc.

This bill was not reported out by the Finance Committee of the Senate for the reasons above stated, but the Chairman of that Committee informed me that later on said bill would be passed and I recommend that it be again introduced.

I spent several days in Albany during the last session of the Legislature and devoted the entire time thereof to the work of securing favorable legislation for United Spanish War Veterans. I found existing among a number of the legislators a feeling that I might describe as unfriendly to the United Spanish War Vet-

erans. There seemed to be an impression that they had done little or nothing to entitle them to any consideration, and they should not ask or expect to receive any such consideration as has been granted to the Civil War Veterans, who the legislators seemed to think had performed much greater services individually and who had received little if anything from the State in return for the great service rendered.

In order to be able to point out to the members of the different committees the number of men that entered the service of the United States from the State of New York during the Spanish War and during the Civil War, together with the cost thereof to the State, I examined the records in the Adjutant-General's office; and as I found the figures of great benefit to our organization when submitted to the members of the different committees, I have decided to embody in this report the figures I secured from the Adjutant-General's office in order that they may be known to the Spanish War Veterans generally throughout the State.

The number of men to enter the United States service from New York during the Spanish war was 30,270. The furnishing of that number of men does not represent the expenditure of one cent to the people of the State; on the contrary that State was able to sell to the National Government its entire old stock of uniforms, equipment, arms and ammunition, etc.

The only appropriation that the Spanish War Veterans asked for is that of \$10,000 for service medals, or less than thirty-three cents for each man who entered the United States service from this State.

In the Civil War 500,000 entered the United States service from this State and to secure the services of these men, bounties amounting to \$35,000,000, were paid by the State. This does not include bounties paid by the local subdivisions of the State which the Adjutant-General's office estimates to have amounted to three times the amount paid by the State. A total of \$140,000,000 in bounties.

Of the \$35,000,000, before mentioned, \$26,000,000 was authorized by chapter 29, Laws of 1865, which paid bounties to a force of 180,000 men or about \$150 a man. From the foregoing it is evident that simply from a business point of view the Vet-

erans of the Spanish War who entered the United States service from New York, not only did not cost the State any money, but as a matter of fact, was a source of business profit to the State. It is also evident from the above that the 500,000 men who entered the United States service during the Civil War cost the State, including the civil subdivisions, in the neighborhood of \$150,000,000 or \$300 a man. In view of these figures and simply as a business proposition, is it at all unreasonable for us to ask from the State at least equal consideration with that accorded the men of the Civil War? I think not. I feel we are entitled to it, and considered simply from a business point of view, we seem to have a just claim and one that has not been repaid in even a slight degree.

These figures were a surprise to many of our legislators and I found the feeling toward us undergoing a change, and I believe that when I ceased my labors at Albany, I had created a feeling of friendliness for the Spanish War Veterans among the legislators and that there now exists among them a disposition to extend to us favorable legislation. In this connection I desire to call your attention to the following extract from a letter written by Senator Henry W. Hill to myself:

“ STATE OF NEW YORK, SENATE CHAMBER, ALBANY.

“ HENRY W. HILL, 47th Dist.

“ CAPTAIN JOHN T. RYAN, *Judge-Advocate United Spanish War Veterans*, 11 Erie County Bank Building, Buffalo, N. Y.:

“ The people of the State appreciate the sacrifices they (the Veterans of the Spanish War) made, when in response to a call they left their homes and families to engage in war in behalf of down trodden and oppressed people. Your organization created a very favorable impression upon the Senators and Members of Assembly at the last session of the Legislature and you have reason to expect still more favorable legislation in the future.

“ Very cordially,

“(Signed)

HENRY W. HILL.”

Perhaps the one feature that interests our organization more than anything else in the nature of legislation is an amendment in Civil Service Law, giving us the preference accorded the Civil War Veterans.

This matter is embodied in section 71, article 5, of the Constitution which limits such preference to Civil War Veterans. Before that preference can be extended to Spanish War Veterans an amendment to the Constitution will have to be made and that involves the passage of such an amendment in two sessions of the Legislature, its submission to the people, and their approval of the same. I consider such an amendment at this time an impossibility. Even though we succeeded in getting it through the Legislature, the people would beat it simply as a matter of selfish interest, if for no other reason. The only way to secure that preference is to prepare our forces and be in condition to make our strength felt at the next Constitutional Convention and at that time secure an amendment to the Constitution giving to us that privilege.

Taking everything into consideration I feel fairly well satisfied with the results of my labor in behalf of legislation for my Comrades. Three of the measures I introduced passed the Assembly, two passed the Senate and Assembly, and one became a law. In addition, I created among the legislators a feeling of friendship toward United Spanish War Veterans and a disposition to accord to them the consideration to which they are entitled.

This work was largely the result of personal effort on my part, and therein lies the weakness of our organization as far as legislation is concerned. We all know that the men in charge of affairs at Albany are schooled in the arts and sciences of politics, and that influence and pressure are not only necessary but are practically demanded before results of any consequence can be expected.

I received very substantial support in my efforts to secure legislation from the Department Commander, General Griffin, who caused to be sent to each Camp a copy of my letter, giving a concise history of the bills I had introduced, and who urged on every Camp Commander support and co-operation. I regret to say that the

support and co-operation so earnestly recommended was nowhere in evidence at Albany; no doubt some of it was there, but so little that it could not be felt.

An effort for systematically directed influence of this kind must be made by the organization whenever legislation is before the Senate and Assembly at Albany, and I recommend in this connection that a Committee on Legislation be authorized by this Encampment.

In closing this report, I wish to particularly call the attention of this Encampment to the services rendered the Spanish War Veterans by the Hon. Henry W. Hill, of Buffalo, who introduced all of the measures in the Senate, and who rendered valuable and laborious service in securing for us favorable consideration, and I request of this Encampment that resolutions be adopted, thanking Senator Hill for his services.

To Major Davis, Captain Regan and Comrade Scott of the old Spanish-American War Veterans I wish to express my personal thanks for the assistance they rendered me while in Albany, and for the courtesy and kindly treatment I received at their hands.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) JOHN T. RYAN,

Judge-Advocate of the U. S. W. V., Department of New York.

Motion then made by Junior Vice-Commander Beers, seconded and carried, that measures be taken to print and distribute 5,000 copies of Judge-Advocate's report among the different Camps of the Department. A vote of thanks was then given to the Judge-Advocate for his arduous and efficient services during the past year.

Motion then made by Department Surgeon J. H. Grant, that a committee composed of one member from each Camp in good standing be appointed as a Committee on Nominations, the members of this committee to be appointed by the delegates from their respective Camps. It was seconded and carried.

The meeting was then adjourned for five minutes to allow the delegates to consult.

Meeting called to order at 12 o'clock, and the following Committee on Nominations was appointed:

A. L. Beckhardt, Manhattan Camp; F. C. Kuehnle, Theodore Roosevelt Camp; C. P. Hamilton, W. H. Hubbell Camp; F. O. Seymour, T. H. Barber Camp; W. H. I. Reaney, Gloucester Naval Camp; John A. Myers, Stephen Sanford Camp; W. F. C. Tichborne, W. R. Carmer Camp; Jas. T. Whitley, L. B. Smith Camp; Martin Hodges, General Eugene Griffin Camp; D. H. Flansburgh, Griffin Engineers' Camp; John F. Carroll, A. L. Kline Camp; Hamilton Ward, S. Y. Seyburn Camp; Wm. F. Morgan, Capron Camp; W. T. Barrett, E. H. Liscum Camp; W. A. Williams, Buckey O'Neil Camp; A. J. Kennedy, W. S. Overton, Jr., Camp; W. F. Morian, Naval Squadron Camp; J. T. Ryan, General R. P. Hughes Camp; L. J. Petterson, Neptune Naval Camp; J. A. Duncan, Admiral Philip Camp; R. D. Higgins, G. D. Russell Camp; J. G. McMurray, Old Guard Camp; J. T. Oates, J. S. Decker Camp; Joseph Lutz, Lawton Camp; Geo. McCune, Marcus D. Russell Camp; T. F. Lynch, Guy V. Henry Camp; C. B. Staats, Frank R. Palmer Camp; A. T. Stephens, Burton M. Beardslee Camp; J. P. Gumph, Oscar Ross Wheeler Camp; Howard McOmber, Warren A. Wilson Camp; D. C. Preston, Alfred C. Weller Camp.

Hamilton Ward was appointed chairman of this committee by the Chairman.

The Credential Committee not being able to report, the meeting adjourned until 2:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Meeting called to order by Chairman at 2:30 P. M.

The chairman appointed the following committee from the members of the Council of Administration to audit the accounts of the Quartermaster: W. L. Beers, F. L. Budde, W. Fenton Myers.

The Chairman announced the following as a Committee on Supplementary Rules and Regulations: Lloyd, J. T. Ryan, C. O. Davis.

As the Committee on Nominations was not ready to report, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 P. M.

MORNING SESSION.

Meeting called to order by the Chairman at 10:30 A. M.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Report of Committee on Credentials.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following officers present:

Department Commander, Eugene Griffin; Senior Vice-Commander, C. A. Simmons; Junior Vice-Commander, Wm. L. Beers; Department Inspector, George L. Krug; Department Medical Director, J. H. Grant; Department Judge-Advocate, J. T. Ryan; Department Chaplain, W. H. I. Reaney; Council of Administration, F. L. Budde, F. L. Peiffer, W. Fenton Myers; Department Adjutant, H. R. Bishop; Department Quartermaster, Charles Leimbach.

They further reported the following Camps represented:

Camp.	Delegates.
Manhattan	7
Theodore Roosevelt	2
W. H. Hubbell	6
Thos. H. Barber	2
Gloucester Naval	3
Stephen Sanford	2
W. R. Carmer	1
L. B. Smith	7
General Eugene Griffin	4
Griffin Engineers	2
A. L. Kline	1
S. Y. Seyburn	4
Capron	1
E. H. Liscum	1
Buckey O'Neil	2
W. S. Overton, Jr.	2
Naval Squadron	3
General R. P. Hughes	3
Neptune Naval	5
Admiral Philip	1

Camp.	Delegates.
G. D. Russell	1
Guy V. Henry	2
Old Guard	5
J. S. Decker	1
Lawton	1
Marcus D. Russell	6
Frank R. Palmer	7
Burton M. Beardslee	1
Hoosick	1
Oscar Ross Wheeler	2
Emerson Liscum	2
Warren A. Wilson	1
Alfred C. Weller	1
Total	91

The roll of the delegates was then called.

The following motions were then proposed, seconded and carried:

Resolutions passed at the State Encampment of the Spanish War Veterans at Albany, N. Y., August 16, 1904:

WHEREAS, During the last session of the State Legislature a number of bills favorable to the Veterans of the Spanish War, who entered the service of the United States from New York, were introduced in the Senate and Assembly, and,

WHEREAS, From the time of the introduction of said bills until the end of the session of the said Legislature Senator Henry W. Hill of Buffalo, N. Y., was indefatigable in his efforts in favor of said measures and in behalf of all Veterans of the Spanish War;

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the delegates of the United Spanish War Veterans of New York in Department Encampment assembled at the City of Albany, on the 16th day of August, 1904, do earnestly express our gratitude to Hon. Henry W. Hill, Senator from the Forty-seventh District, for the excellent and efficient services rendered all the Veterans of the Spanish War during the last term of the Legislature, and do earnestly recommend him to the favorable consideration of all comrades of the Spanish War.

WHEREAS, The American Flag, the beloved emblem of liberty and of our glorious country, is being desecrated more and more frequently, and is being dragged, as it were, in the dust with notorious freedom, by its use as an advertisement, not only for selfish business purposes but for the furtherance of equally selfish political ends, and

WHEREAS, We hold that such desecration will eventually destroy, in the minds and hearts of the people the natural reverence which the flag inspires and will especially affect the minds of the youth of our country, and

WHEREAS, We hold that such desecration is equally obnoxious whether the words of advertisement are printed upon the surface of the flag or appended to it below or fastened to it above; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we the Department of the State of New York, United Spanish War Veterans in Encampment assembled most heartily condemn the unpatriotic desecration of our notional emblem.

Resolution introduced by Wm. H. Hubbell Camp No. 12, Department New York, at Department Encampment, Albany, N. Y., August 15th, 16th and 17th. Resolution introduced by Wm. J. S. Dineen, Commander.

WHEREAS, The late General William H. Hubbell, Commander-in-Chief of the National Army and Navy, Spanish War Veterans, had by his fidelity, patriotism and sincerity endeared himself to all of us and his departure from this earthly sphere left a vacancy that could never be filled and a remembrance which the passing of time will but serve to strengthen, and

WHEREAS, The said General William H. Hubbell had during his earthly career worked unceasingly and unselfishly to bring about a union of all societies of Veterans of the Spanish-American War and as the object of his life has now been fulfilled by the amalgamation of all Spanish War Veterans' Societies in the magnificent organization of the United Spanish War Veterans, and

WHEREAS, It is the desire of all Spanish War Veterans to honor and perpetuate the memory of such a Comrade who labored so unceasingly and unselfishly for the furtherance of the cardinal objects of our order, Freedom, Patriotism and Humanity; be it

Resolved, That we the delegates representing the various Camps of the Department of New York in Encampment assembled at Albany, respectfully urge upon the National Encampment the formation of a Hubbell Memorial Monument Association for the purpose of erecting a fitting memorial over the grave of our revered and esteemed Commander-in-Chief, in Cypress Hills Cemetery, Brooklyn, New York, the funds for which shall be raised by voluntary subscription through the medium of the individual Departments and the individual Camps comprising the same. It is respectfully suggested that the National Encampment incorporate the monument association to be known as the William H. Hubbell Memorial Monument Association, to be composed of from two to five Comrades from each Department who shall have the authority to appoint a sub-committee of one or two from each Camp in each Department to make the collections or raise the funds in any manner they may choose; it is suggested that a donation of five or ten cents each be solicited from each and every Comrade of the order throughout the United States—it is also suggested that subscription lists to be distributed to individual Comrades to secure subscriptions from outside sources, to wit, from those who knew Col. Hubbell in private life and during his military career, and who would be pleased to embrace this opportunity of honoring his memory. It is further suggested that the Quartermaster of each Department be empowered to act as the custodian of the funds collected for this purpose within the jurisdiction of his Department, and that the Treasurer of the Association who shall be located within the jurisdiction of the Department of New York shall have absolute control, under the direction of the Trustees or Board of Directors, of the funds of the entire Association and to whom the various Department Quartermasters shall pay, upon demand all funds in their possession which have been collected for the purpose of fulfilling the object of the Memorial Association.

The following resolutions were referred to the Committee on Supplementary Rules and Regulations.

Resolved, That the delegates elected by the Encampment of the Department of the State of New York, to represent it at the Encampment of the National Army of the United Spanish War Veterans to be held at the City of Indianapolis, in the State of Indiana, during the current year 1904, be and they hereby are directed to submit, advocate and vote for the following resolutions:

Resolved, That there be stricken from the ritual of the United Spanish War Veterans and of all subordinate bodies thereof, any and all words, phrases or clauses that involve the recognition either directly or indirectly of any sect, creed or religion, in order that the said ritual may be rendered non-sectarian in every detail.

Report of Committee on Nominations.

The Nominating Committee respectfully present this report for your consideration.

We have endeavored to do justice to all interests and sections and suggest the following list of candidates:

For Commander, C. A. Simmons; Senior Vice, C. O. Davis; Junior Vice, H. A. Ely; Inspector, Thomas F. Lynch; Surgeon, John H. Grant; Judge-Advocate, L. L. Davis; Chaplain, Rev. W. H. I. Reaney; Council of Administration, Comrades Wm. F. Foist, F. O. Seymour, A. J. Kennedy, W. C. Wild, R. D. Higgins, Wm. F. Morgan, J. T. Oates.

Delegates to the National Encampment:

J. G. McMurray, W. F. Myers, J. T. Ryan, Wm. A. Williams, W. F. C. Tiebhorne, J. Finnerty, J. T. Oates, J. L. Whitley, C. S. Hansbourg, W. L. Beers, A. J. Gilfillan, J. D. Howland, C. P. Staats, Bernard Fagan, H. E. Raabe, John C. Duncan, G. W. McCune.

We also recommend that each delegate have the power to appoint his own alternate.

(Signed) HAMILTON WARD, JR.,
Chairman.

(Signed)

R. D. HIGGINS, *Secretary*.

(W. L. Beers withdrew his name in favor of James S. Long).

A minority report was also made, as follows:

To the Department Encampment United States Spanish War Veterans:

We submit for your consideration the following:

Department Commander, Charles O. Davis of Camp Frank R. Palmer; Senior Vice-Commander, John M. Thompson of Camp Manhattan; Junior Vice-Commander, Frank Hoppman of Camp General Griffin; Department Inspector, Thomas F. Lynch of Camp Guy V. Henry; Department Surgeon, J. H. Grant of Camp Liscum; Judge-Advocate, Loyal L. Davis of Camp Wilson; Chaplain, W. H. I. Reaney of Camp Gloucester.

Council of Administration.—John Storin, Camp Neptune Naval; John P. Gumph, Camp Oscar Ross Wheeler; John T. Oates, Camp Decker; W. J. Cunningham, Camp Russell; John F. Carroll, Camp A. L. Kline; Henry C. Baum, Camp Brayton; L. F. Hettrech, Camp R. P. Hughes; M. C. Ashley, Camp A. C. Weller.

(Signed)

A. L. BECKHARDT,
H. I. SCHWARTZ,
JOHN T. OATES,
CHAS. B. STAATS,
JOHN P. GUMPH,
DAVID C. PRESTON,
JOHN A. MYERS,
MARTIN HODGES,
GEO. W. McCUNE,
JAMES F. HYNES,
ALFRED T. STEPHEN,
JOHN F. CARROLL.

A motion was then made and seconded that the report of the Nominating Committee be accepted with thanks to the Committee for the excellent work that they had done.

Amended that the report be accepted with thanks, the Committee be discharged and the nominations be made on the floor.

Amendment lost.

The original motion was then carried and the following were proposed for Department Commander: C. A. Simmons, L. B. Smith Camp; C. O. Davis, Frank R. Palmer Camp.

The Chair appointed as Inspectors of Election, D. J. Murphy and J. J. Phelan.

Vote then taken, Simmons, 50; Davis, 49.

Comrade Simmons was therefore declared elected.

The meeting then adjourned at 1:25 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Meeting called to order at 2:55 P. M.

Nominations for Senior Vice-Commander were then made and seconded as follows:

Harry A. Ely, Old Guard Camp; Thomas F. Lynch, Guy V. Henry Camp.

Comrade Ely withdrew in favor of Comrade Lynch.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Adjutant cast one ballot for Comrade Lynch.

The Chair so instructed the Adjutant and the necessary ballot was cast.

The following were then proposed for Junior Vice-Commander: H. A. Ely, Old Guard Camp; Frank Hoppman, General Eugene Griffin Camp.

Vote cast: Ely, 54; Hoppman, 35.

Comrade Ely was then declared elected.

It was proposed, seconded and carried that the Adjutant cast one ballot for W. Fenton Myers, Stephen Sanford Camp, as Department Inspector.

The Chairman so instructed the Adjutant and the necessary ballot was cast.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Adjutant cast one ballot for John H. Grant, Liscum Camp, as Department Medical Director.

The Chairman so instructed the Adjutant and the necessary ballot was cast.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Adjutant cast one ballot for L. L. Davis, Camp Wilson, as Department Judge-Advocate.

The Chairman so instructed the Adjutant and the necessary ballot was cast.

It was moved, seconded and carried with a rising vote that the Adjutant cast one ballot for the W. H. I. Reaney, Gloucester Naval Camp, as Department Chaplain.

The Chairman so instructed the Adjutant and the necessary ballot was cast.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Adjutant cast one ballot for the following as Members of the Council of Administration:

Wm. F. Foist, Neptune Naval Camp.
 F. O. Seymour, Binghamton, N. Y., T. H. Barber Camp.
 A. J. Kennedy, W. S. Overton, Jr. Camp.
 W. C. Wild, Naval Squadron Camp.
 R. D. Higgins, G. R. Russell Camp.
 W. F. Morgan, Capron Camp.
 J. T. Oates, J. S. Decker Camp.
 B. J. Fagan, Manhattan Camp.

The Chairman so instructed the Adjutant and the necessary ballot was cast.

It was then proposed, seconded and carried that the Adjutant cast one ballot for the following as delegates to the National Encampment:

DELEGATES AT LARGE.

Jas. Gordon McMurray, Old Guard Camp.
 W. Fenton Myers, Stephen Sanford Camp.
 J. T. Ryan, Gen'l R. P. Hughes Camp.
 Wm. A. Williams, Buckey O'Neil Camp.
 W. F. C. Tiehborne, W. R. Carmer Camp.
 J. Finnerty, Naval Squadron Camp.
 J. T. Oates, J. S. Decker Camp.
 J. L. Whitley, L. B. Smith Camp.
 C. S. Hansbourg, S. Y. Seyburn Camp.
 James S. Long, Gloucester Naval Camp.
 A. B. Gilfillan, E. H. Liscum Camp.
 J. D. Howland, S. Y. Seyburn Camp.

C. P. Staats, Frank R. Palmer Camp.
Bernard Fagan, Manhattan Camp.
H. E. Raabe, Naval Squadron Camp.
John A. Duncan, Admiral Philip Camp.
G. W. McCune, Marcus D. Russell Camp.
John M. Thompson, Manhattan Camp.
L. F. Hettrech, R. P. Hughes Camp.
Charles L. Franck, W. H. Hubbell Camp.
John F. Dizer, F. R. Palmer Camp.
W. J. S. Dineen, W. H. Hubbell Camp.
John F. Storin, Neptune Naval Camp.
J. J. Phelan, Marcus D. Russell Camp.
John C. Stein, W. H. Hubbell Camp.
E. M. Walbridge, L. B. Smith Camp.
George L. Krug, Theo. Roosevelt Camp.
C. P. Hamilton, W. H. Hubbell Camp.
Judge Smith, Tonawanda Camp.
Frederick L. Budde, Manhattan Camp.
John A. Allen, Neptune Naval Camp.
John D. Casey, S. Y. Seyburn Camp.
W. F. Morian, Naval Squadron Camp.
L. T. Fetzer, Manhattan Camp.

The chairman so instructed the Adjutant and the necessary ballot was cast.

A motion was then made, seconded and carried that each delegate be authorized to appoint his own alternate and that in case of failure to do so, the Department Commander be authorized to appoint said alternate.

A vote of thanks was then given Camps Palmer and Russell for their courtesy and kind entertainment to the delegates.

It was then moved, seconded and carried that the report on the minutes of the encampment be printed in pamphlet form and distributed amongst the Camps.

A standing vote was given the Department Commander and the officers of the Department for their efficient work during the previous year.

The new officers were installed by Department Commander Griffin, who then vacated the chair in favor of the new Department Commander, C. A. Simmons.

It was moved, seconded and carried that Captain F. C. Kuehnle convey to the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Department, the best wishes of the meeting.

A discussion followed regarding the Wetherill Fund and the McKinley Memorial Fund; these matters being referred to the new Council of Administration.

It was moved, seconded and carried that a vote of thanks be given the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Albany for their kindness and courtesy to the delegates while in their City.

It was moved, seconded and carried to adjourn sine die after the singing of "America" in which everybody joined and the delegates then dispersed.

Approved,

EUGENE GRIFFIN,
Department Commander.

Official:

H. R. BISHOP,
Department Adjutant.

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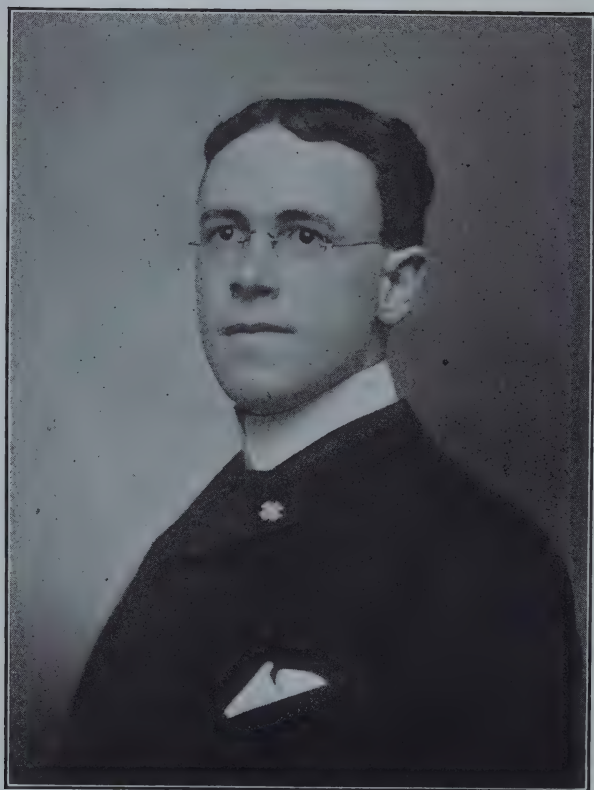
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CHARLES A. SIMMONS,
Department Commander, 1904-1905, 1905-1906.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SECOND ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT.

Encampment called to order at 10 A. M., August 21, 1905, by Department Commander C. A. Simmons.

Prayer offered by Department Chaplain, W. H. I. Reaney.

Department Commander C. A. Simmons introduced Commander H. W. MacBean who welcomed the delegates, and introduced the Mayor of Niagara Falls, Hon. O. W. Cutler.

Address of Mayor O. W. Cutler.

It affords me great pleasure as Mayor of the City of Niagara Falls, on behalf of the municipality and its citizens, to extend to you a cordial welcome. Patriotism and valor have always been held in the highest esteem in all nations. We recognize in you, and in the number of men whom you represent, who, when the War was declared between this Country and Spain, answered the call, volunteering to defend the honor of the Country and the State, in fact going as our representatives, as the representatives of the citizens of the various localities which you represent — guests of the most desirable character. The scenes attending the departure to and the return from a war by any body of soldiers are calculated to awaken the tenderest emotions of the human heart. May 1, 1898, when the gallant Company "E," Third Regiment Infantry Volunteers, left this City, will never be forgotten. All of our citizens turned out to bid them farewell, wish them God speed, and a safe return. There was genuine grief and sorrow pervading the whole City, tempered, to be sure, with a pride in the appearance and the valor of the boys who went to represent us, but still we felt as General Sherman expressed it that "War is hell," and we might never see any of them again. To be sure our company was not called into battle, never faced the cannon's mouth, still they were prepared to defend the country's

honor; they took the chance and were entitled to as much credit as if they had seen years of actual service. When the war was over, short as it was, owing to the prowess of this great Country on land and sea, a gala, joyful day was witnessed when "Johnnie came marching home."

The customary ceremony of presenting the keys of the city to you, I have felt to be a part of discretion on my part to omit, as I was told you would come down upon us three or four hundred strong, and I knew it would be asking too much to expect the Forty-second Separate Company to defend us; I was afraid of mutiny in their ranks, and was afraid the pride of the City would be hurt. hearing as we do about the pride of the nations. But, gentlemen, I want to assure you that I have no uneasiness on the point that you will not be well entertained while you are here. The local committee, with the approval and assistance, perhaps in a slight measure, of our citizens, has provided a program for your entertainment which I trust, and am satisfied, will be enjoyed. With men of your intelligence and trained minds, I have no doubt we have many things here which will interest you which they have nowhere else.

Again I want to extend to you a cordial welcome and want you to feel that the citizens will be pleased to assist in any way in your entertainment, especially the Mayor. I trust that every moment of your stay here will be pleasantly occupied.

Again I welcome you and express the hope that every minute will be so pleasantly spent that when the time comes that you must part from us it will be with equal regret that we shall feel on our part in parting with you, and that you go with a firm purpose to visit us as often as circumstances will permit. I thank you for your courteous attention.

Department Commander Simmons responded to this address of welcome.

COMMANDER SIMMONS:

Comrades, we are here for business, and suppose we start right in with the work of the encampment. In the absence of E. A. Burkhardt, the regular Adjutant of the Department, I will appoint F. S. Couchman Adjutant pro tem. We will proceed with the reading of the reports of officers.

Report of Department Commander C. A. Simmons.

COMRADES.—In presenting a report to you, I desire first of all to thank the Vice-Department Commanders, the Department Quartermaster, the Department Adjutant, and the other officers of this administration, including the members of the Council of Administration, who have labored in unison during the past twelve months for the upbuilding of our order in the Department.

At the annual encampment in Albany, the officers named below were elected, and the administration has served intact, without a single change, throughout the year:

Department Commander, C. A. Simmons, L. Boardman Smith Camp;

Department Senior Vice-Commander, Thomas F. Lynch, Guy V. Henry Camp;

Department Junior Vice-Commander, Harry A. Ely, Old Guard Camp;

Department Inspector, W. Fenton Myers, Hon. Stephen Sanford Camp;

Department Medical Director, J. H. Grant, E. H. Liscum Camp;

Department Judge-Advocate, L. L. Davis, Warren A. Wilson Camp;

Department Chaplain, W. H. I. Reaney, Gloucester Naval Camp.

DEPARTMENT COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

W. F. Foist, Neptune Naval Camp;

F. O. Seymour, T. H. Barber Camp;

A. J. Kennedy, W. S. Overton, Jr., Camp;

W. C. Wild, Naval Squadron Camp;

R. D. Higgins, G. D. Russell Camp;

W. F. Morgan, Capron Camp;

J. T. Oates, J. S. Decker Camp;

B. J. Fagan, Manhattan Camp.

The first work undertaken was to secure as large a delegation as might be to the National Encampment in St. Louis, Mo. It was found that many delegates named offhand at the Department Encampment in Albany were not able to attend, but others did, how-

ever, and the Department of New York played an important part in the work which was there accomplished. Those present representing this Department were:

Regularly elected delegates — Comrades James G. McMurray, J. T. Ryan, W. F. C. Tichborne, J. T. Oates, A. B. Gilfillan, J. D. Howland, L. F. Hettrich, John A. Allen, David J. Prince.

Substitutes — Comrades George Barnes, John Schuck, H. W. Schlappi, Frank Wall, Thomas J. McGreal, George J. Van Kromer, Edmund W. Holmes, Fred Lempke, E. M. Lichter, August Bircka, F. C. Kuehnle, Frank R. Johnson, John J. O'Rourke, Hamilton Ward, Jr., Department Junior Vice-Commander Harry A. Ely, Fred Green.

In addition to the above, Department Commander Simmons, Past Department Commander Champe S. Andrews, Department Senior Vice-Commander Thomas F. Lynch and Chaplain W. H. I. Reaney were present.

Occasion was taken in an order following this trip to thank Department Junior Vice-Commander Harry A. Ely for the painstaking manner in which he arranged for the trip of the delegates from this Department to the National Encampment.

Early in the year pamphlets were published containing the proceedings of the first Department Encampment and distributed with each copy of a General Order.

A lack of replies and acknowledgments from camps led early to the belief that Adjutants of camps did not consider it of importance to keep in touch with Department Headquarters, and were failing to supply information promptly concerning changes of addresses of Commanders and Adjutants, with the result that this was called to their attention. It took a considerable time to secure the names and addresses of the newly elected officers following the elections in December, but as the orders began to come out more frequently, and letters of inquiry were sent out, it soon became possible to get in touch with the officers of most camps, and a general disposition was shown for the receipt of more copies of orders that they might be distributed among the comrades.

Notice was sent to the camps that at the National Encampment a motion was carried that each camp be furnished gratis with two copies each of the Rules and Regulations, Rituals and Book of

Ceremonies, and that these would be furnished upon requisition. Word soon came back to these headquarters that the National Encampment did not honor such requisitions, and it was some time before it was possible to get some of the camps in line to procure these new books issued following the amalgamation. Inquiry into this matter resulted in a knowledge of the fact that many camps had not adopted the new muster-in ceremonies, and it became necessary to call attention to this delinquency. There has apparently been a general remedy along this line.

As a result of the knowledge which grew upon the Department Commander that many camps were not well informed concerning countersigns, paroles and the unwritten work of the order, and following the suggestion of the Department Inspector, who expressed a willingness to co-operate and undertake the work of an inspection, comrades were appointed in four districts into which the State was divided, and requested to at once proceed with inspections and make reports on blanks which were sent to them. I am informed by the Department Inspector that there was a very general and hearty co-operation on the part of the inspectors so named, and to those who thus assisted in carrying on a work which I most strongly recommend be pursued with fidelity next year, the thanks of the comrades are due. Those who were detailed as Inspectors were:

District No. 1 — Buffalo-Rochester District.

Camps located at Buffalo, Rochester, Niagara Falls, Tonawanda, Medina, Geneva, Olean, Jamestown, Hornellsville and Elmira.

Assistant Inspectors.—Comrades John D. Howland, Buffalo; Hamilton Ward, Buffalo; James L. Whitley, Rochester; E. A. Burkhardt, Rochester.

District No. 2 — Syracuse-Albany District.

Camps located at Syracuse, Oswego, Utica, Auburn, Walton, Binghamton, Herkimer, Amsterdam, Schenectady, Albany, Troy, Kingston, Glens Falls, Whitehall, Hoosick Falls, Saratoga Springs and Oneonta.

Assistant Inspectors.—Comrades Frank Hoppinan, Schenectady; John J. Phelan, Troy; John Gumph, Utica; Arnold B. Sanford, Utica; F. O. Seymour, Binghamton; A. B. Staats, Albany; E. W. Jones, Utica.

District No. 3—New York City and Vicinity.

Camps located at New York City, Yonkers, Port Chester, Mt. Vernon, New Rochelle, Middletown and Poughkeepsie.

Assistant Inspectors.—Comrades Harry A. Ely, New York City; L. T. Fetzer, New York City; James G. McMurray, New York City; F. C. Kuehnle, New York City.

District No. 4—Brooklyn and Vicinity.

Camps located at Brooklyn, Flushing and Whitestone.

Assistant Inspectors.—Comrades John T. Oates, Stapleton, S. I.; Charles Leimbach, Brooklyn; Clinton P. Hamilton, Brooklyn.

The Department Inspector will submit to the Encampment a separate report showing the details of the situation as he found it.

Following the provisions of the National Rules and Regulations, a request was made on all camps for semi-annual returns immediately after the first of the year. After sending out eight or nine separate series of letters, it was possible to round up the semi-annual returns of most of the camps just in time to again take up the work for the semi-annual return due June 30th. I cannot fail at this juncture to call your attention to the laxity which still prevails in many camps with regard to official communications, and I can only say to you that if the Department is to become a powerful organization, influential comrades in every camp must see to it that those officers who are delegated to perform the duties of a secretary, viz., Adjutant, should either perform their duties or be removed from office. It is not in any temper that I say this to you, for you will concede that it takes some degree of patience to write eight or nine communications asking for a report which it is plainly the business of camps to send in as laid down by the Rules and Regulations. It seemed wise to have report blanks printed in order to facilitate the securing of returns due June 30th, and the Department Adjutant is able, therefore, to include in his report a table showing a comparison between the number of comrades reported on December 31, 1904, and June 30, 1905.

As promised at the time of election a year ago, a considerable effort has been made during the past year looking to the visits of

Department officers to camps, and the expression of sentiment as I found it as a result of these visits leads me to the recommendation that your Department officers make it a point to pay many visits to camps throughout the Department, watching their work, criticising it in kindly spirit, and making suggestions which have been found to be useful in other camps. Many communications are on file at headquarters expressing the good will of camps toward certain departmental officers whose activities in this direction are well known to those of you who have made it a point to become familiar with orders issued from headquarters and the work which has been prosecuted. Such services as those performed by prominent comrades who participated in the inauguration of Comrade Roosevelt and who led in the proper observance of Memorial Day services in the various cities, have heightened the respect in which our organization is held and strengthened the bonds between us and the members of the Grand Army of the Republic and the public in general.

It has been a matter of pride that in many instances inactive camps have been brought again to a condition of life and started anew upon useful careers in the Department, and many camps were officially mustered in.

August 29, 1904, the Department Commander mustered in the Robert C. Anderson Camp No. 26 of Oswego.

November 4, 1904, Commander William F. Morian mustered in the Reilly Camp No. 34 of Brooklyn.

December 30, 1904, at the Twenty-second Regiment Armory, New York City, Department Quartermaster Charles Leimbach mustered in Defendamp Camp No. 36 of New York city.

April 10, 1905, the Department Commander mustered in the E. M. Hoffman Camp No. 40 of Elmira.

April 21, 1905, John T. Oates of the Council of Administration mustered in the Major John K. Sague Camp No. 44 of Poughkeepsie.

April 28, 1905, Comrade F. O. Seymour of the Council of Administration mustered in the Col. Walter Scott Camp No. 42 of Oneonta.

May 27, 1905, Comrade F. C. Kuehnle mustered in the Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46 of New York City.

June 6, 1905, Department Quartermaster Charles Leimbach mustered in the Admiral Sampson Camp No. 48 of Brooklyn.

June 29, 1905, Department Quartermaster Charles Leimbach mustered in Naval Camp No. 49 of Brooklyn.

July 19, 1905, Comrade Charles S. Horsburgh mustered in the Col. J. W. Vrooman Camp No. 51 of Herkimer.

July 19, 1905, Comrade Charles S. Horsburgh mustered in the Franklin C. Warner Camp No. 52 of Ilion.

Within a week Past Department Adjutant L. T. Fetzner mustered in the Major Frank Keck Camp No. 53 of New York city.

Past Judge Advocate Hamilton Ward, Jr., mustered in the Gen. Francis V. Greene Camp No. 54 of Tonawanda recently and is at work upon another prospective camp.

Through the efforts of Department Junior Vice-Commander Harry A. Ely, Captain T. W. Timpson, who resides in the Borough of the Bronx, and is a man of considerable influence in his district, being popular in both military and fraternal organizations, has promised to undertake the organization of a camp of the United Spanish War Veterans in the Borough of the Bronx, where this Department has no camp. Captain Timpson has stated that he will be prepared to undertake this work about the first of September, and I strongly recommend that my successor in office lose no time in placing himself in touch with Captain T. W. Timpson and assist in the organization of this camp.

In addition to these camps several others were induced to apply for new charters and to come into the amalgamated organization. Willing assistance was given by headquarters through prompt answer to communications, and the field is now opening up to such an extent that I believe it is safe to say that an active administration during the next year will not only strengthen the camps now organized, but will add materially to the list.

While it has afforded a considerable pleasure to work with camps that desire assistance and were willing to co-operate, it was equally distressing to endeavor to secure co-operation from other so-called organizations. It, therefore, became necessary to call the attention of comrades to the fact that the G. Reed Wilson Camp of Batavia, the F. C. Barlow Camp of New York City, the Newell Rising Camp of Port Chester, the American Guard Camp of New

York City, and the Lieutenant Thomas Wainsboro Camp of Albany were inactive and to warn the Commanders of camps against receiving into their meetings members of these camps by transfer card or countersign. There has likewise been a lack of attention on the part of camps in other cities to which time did not afford an opportunity of personally taking up the matter of reorganization. The Burton M. Beardslee Camp of Walton, the Clarence E. Brayton Camp of Syracuse, the Col. Edward R. Hardin Camp of Whitehall, the John V. Searles Camp of Flushing, the Horace Webster Camp of Geneva, the Edgar Hoffman Camp of Syracuse, Hoosick Camp of Hoosick Falls, Saratoga Camp of Saratoga Springs, and the C. G. Thing Camp of Olean were delinquent in the matter of perfecting their organization under the terms of the amalgamation, and I most earnestly recommend that time and attention be given to the field mentioned, and to Newburgh and other places where we now have no camps, as I believe that active comrades can be found who will undertake the work connected with the upbuilding of our order in those places. The germ of an organization exists in each of these places, and possibly an independent organization is maintained. By showing these camps the value of contact with the State organization, it is my firm belief that they will willingly co-operate and become influential in departmental circles.

I am not unmindful of the loyalty which has been shown by the comrades of the various camps and the co-operation which has been extended by the various subdivisions of the Department and by the National Encampment, and it is a pleasure to say to you that the New York Department is the largest in the United States.

I must take this occasion to compliment the work of a comrade upon whom has fallen a good share of the brunt of the work during the past year, namely, our faithful and efficient Quartermaster, Charles Leimbach. He has been indefatigable in his efforts, painstaking in his reports, faithful to the letter, always enthusiastic, lending inspiration to those comrades who have come in touch with him. We need more Leimbachs.

During the year, and acting upon the suggestion of comrades in Buffalo, who found the organization there of a joint city council advantageous in the carrying on of work, provision was made

for the organization in New York City and Brooklyn of a joint city council, of which Commander Thomas F. Lynch has been the efficient head. Good reports have been received of this body, and probably more good has been accomplished as a result of the solidification of these camps into a general body than is at the present time appreciated by most comrades.

Efforts have been made during the year to assist the ladies who are at the head of the Department Auxiliary in the organization of auxiliaries connected with camps. Especial attention was called to this matter in General Order No. 9, issued two weeks ago, in the hope that comrades attending this encampment would have an opportunity of talking with whoever is elected as the Department Auxiliary President, with a view to co-operation along this line during the coming year. Camp officers should be willing to assist in promoting the growth of this very important branch of our organization.

It seemed necessary to call the attention of camp officers to that provision of National Rules and Regulations with reference to the giving of security by the Quartermasters for the faithful discharge of duties. It ought not to be necessary to call a matter of this kind to the attention of camps, but it has seemed wise to do so, and it is earnestly to be hoped that during the year there will be no complaint of a breach of trust toward any camp by any officer.

Through suggestions which were rendered to headquarters, a considerable effort was made during the year along certain lines looking toward the placing of favorable legislation upon the statute books of the State. The comprehensive report submitted at the last Encampment by Past Judge-Advocate John T. Ryan, which so thoroughly canvassed the ground, was printed during the year and circulated throughout the Department, and headquarters is indebted to many camps for co-operation along legislative lines. The report of the Judge-Advocate submitted to you covers in its own field the situation as it has been found by him, and your attention in this matter is respectfully directed to his report.

Camps throughout the Department paid especial attention to the celebration in proper manner and spirit of Memorial Day. Numerous services were held, and it is to the credit of comrades who assisted in them that this was so. The death during the year of

comrades belonging to several camps has been a matter of genuine sorrow.

Numerous successful receptions have been promoted by camps during the year, and it has been a matter of regret that the very pronounced success of some of these affairs could not be mentioned in detail in orders, and I, therefore, take this occasion of complimenting those Commanders who have had the fortitude to run entertainments upon a broad scale, thus attracting favorable attention to the camp and adding to the camp treasuries.

You have already observed that my report is not a glittering generality. It has not been my purpose to say to you that we have the strongest organization in the State, nor the most successful. Rather is it my desire to offer such suggestions to you as may be of some assistance in the awakening of some comrades along new lines, and possibly to have on record recommendations to be followed by the successors of those officers who compose the present administration, and for this reason I have withheld until this time certain recommendations.

In letters frequently received at these headquarters, officers of camps admit that no file of orders is kept among camp records. I strongly urge that camp officers make sure that a complete record of orders from superior headquarters be kept always on file for reference purposes.

The attention of the delegates and comrades of this Department is respectfully called to the movement now under way for the forming of rifle clubs throughout the country under the auspices of the National Board for Promotion of Rifle Practice, which has the sanction of the War Department. When this matter came before Congress for the enactment of a law providing for an appropriation, the indications were that the movement had very strong backing, and that very shortly there will be a National Marksmen's Reserve, which will be immensely strong and which will ultimately provide for the object in view, that of having a million men who will have for practical purposes on the line of battle, nearly all the requirements for the most efficient soldiers in the world, and all this with a very small expenditure of money by the government. Correspondence which has been carried on between the Department Commander and representatives of the National Rifle Association indi-

cates that the members of this Board would be more than glad to see rifle clubs organized in every camp of the U. S. W. V. in the country, and if this could be brought about, it would seem as though a marked increase in interest would be created among the comrades. This matter was brought to the attention of National Encampment officers in an official communication, but no action has been taken. It is urged that we have not as yet a sufficiently strong organization to take up this work. The idea of bringing it to the National Encampment was in order that the promotion of these rifle clubs would assist in the creating of a strong organization, and this view is not changed by reason of the attitude of National Encampment toward the matter. The subject is laid before you, not necessarily for consideration at this time, but with the hope that it may be referred to a committee or otherwise placed before the incoming Department Commander and his officers, and taken up by them and made a feature of the work in this Department. It would seem as though the success of the plan would be assured by reason of the natural interest which will be excited among men who have shouldered the guns of their country in the hour of need.

Permit me to call your attention to the necessity for more earnest efforts to build up our membership in the Department. Internal discussions in camps may all be very interesting, but unless they are the right kind of discussions and contentions they are more than likely to lead to dissensions which are of all absorbing interest, with the result that while one faction or another is endeavoring to gain control of a camp the less strenuous members are more or less neglected, camp meetings lose in the right kind of interest, and membership falls off.

It may not be amiss to remark that a compilation of the semi-annual returns rendered by camps January 1st induced a Comrade to call my attention to the fact that the figures showed that we have 687 members in the Boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx, 793 in Brooklyn, 31 in Queens, and 51 in Richmond, a total of 1,562. The total vote cast for Governor in this State, in New York County alone (which includes only the Borough of Manhattan and a part of the Bronx), in 1904 was 369,495. When we seek legislation we are likely to be asked, "What is your strength?" We should have in the Borough of Manhattan alone something like

14,000 members, as several regiments of that Borough volunteered in the War with Spain, aside from the various batteries and cavalry troops, men for the navy and regular army men. If we are asked how many of our Comrades in that particular section are interested in a piece of legislation we can properly say 14,000, but if we attempt to secure the co-operation of that number of comrades, we find insuperable obstacles due to the lack of cohesive action among our Comrades. The recent semi-annual returns indicate a general increase, and this is encouraging, but the increase must be maintained. This subject is one of vital interest, and it ought to be the ambition and purpose of every representative here to-day to go home from this encampment carrying with him the slogan that his camp will go in for a finish fight to secure a large membership, and to keep alive interest in his organization.

It is hard to say these things to you. Intensely loyal work has been performed by many of the Camp Commanders who have tried in the past year to do their work the best they knew how. Many of them have borne more than their proportionate share of expense, and after studying the situation carefully, I am not yet prepared to say that there is a sufficient amount of appreciation on the part of the rank and file of our comrades. We need to settle down to a period of the hardest kind of hard work. Camp Commanders should not be allowed to neglect their duties, and officers elected to positions in camps should be made to understand that they are there for the purpose of fulfilling specific duties.

In this connection it might be well to authorize Department headquarters to issue a circular setting forth reasons why veterans of the War with Spain should hold membership in the United Spanish War Veterans. If printed in large numbers these circulars might be sold at very reasonable rates to camps, and these might possibly prove the means of the organization of new camps or in aiding small camps to add to their membership.

It has been brought to my attention that Comrade L. T. Fetzer, formerly Department Adjutant, and a faithful and painstaking past officer of the Department, has prepared a civil service manual, written especially for New York City, but applying equally in most particulars to all portions of the State, since the greater part of the work is devoted to an analysis of section 21. If it is possible to

make arrangements for the printing of a thousand extra copies of this manual for distribution to Comrades throughout the Department, I deem it advisable that the subject be taken up at once by the incoming Commander, in case no instructions otherwise are given him by the delegates here assembled. It is important that the Comrades be informed concerning their rights and privileges, and this seems to be an opportunity to get the benefit of the well directed study of a trained lawyer on points which are of special interest to us.

Further, I recommend to you that every Camp be called upon to comply with article 7, section 15, Rules and Regulations, which provide that by-laws of Camps shall be approved by the Department Commander.

I also recommend that the Department procure an appropriate seal or rubber stamp for use in official matters, and deposit a good copy or impression with the Adjutant-General.

It should be a matter of pride to all comrades of the United Spanish War Veterans that the flag of the country be saluted respectfully by all loyal citizens. It has been frequently remarked of late that during public demonstrations in which the Stars and Stripes have been borne, a very small portion of spectators have shown any visible marks of respect or adulation for the National emblem. It should be a matter of pride on the part of comrades of our organization to instill the proper respect and require proper salutes for the flag, and this subject is, therefore, recalled to your attention in order that delegates may bring this matter before camps for such local action as seems wise.

It is earnestly to be hoped that the officers of each camp will take into immediate consideration the importance of regular camp meetings, and endeavor, by personal attention to the welfare of comrades, to bring about that close relationship which all comrades of the United Spanish War Veterans should feel toward one another. Oftentimes camps show signs of disintegration because meetings are held too infrequently, and because camp commanders look upon their offices more in the nature of honors rather than a call to leadership and the direction of affairs. Let us hope that the coming year will witness a stronger movement than ever in the advance of the principles of our order, growth in membership, and

such active demonstration of interest in the working of our institution, and the knowledge that it stands for Freedom, Patriotism and Humanity, as to not only interest present members but to cause all other eligible comrades to rally to our standard.

The subject of employment bureaus in the various camps is an important one, and several camps have found it of advantage to have them. Leading business houses are interested in the subject, and from time to time are furnished men for whose personal characters the comrades may vouch, who in turn gratefully acknowledge the favor by loyal work for the order.

Too little attention is paid to the details of the unwritten work, and the collecting of proper countersigns at camp meetings. Frequently comrades attempting to visit other camps find themselves uninformed of the methods of gaining admittance. Such details should not be neglected.

In endeavoring to render justice to all seekers, the result of a court of inquiry to inquire into the case of John W. Bertie was published in general orders, and a court of inquiry has been ordered in the case of Junior Vice-Commander Charles Bormann, of Joseph S. Decker Camp No. 20, pending the receipt of the findings of which this officer has been suspended from office. An order has been published, ordering that Griffin Engineers' Camp strike the name of H. B. Grant from its roster. It has not been a pleasant matter to deal with the subject of court-martial, owing to the intensity of feeling which develops, and wherever it has been possible to avoid carrying a case of this kind to the general attention of the comrades and the public, this course has been pursued.

In some quarters, mainly due to the talk of comrades who have not been sufficiently interested to get a uniform of the style now worn, there has been a movement to change the style now in force. The significance of the blue coat and the gray trousers is apparent to you all, and any change which would be made at this late date would involve a considerable expense to comrades who have purchased uniforms, and it would take a correspondingly long time to have a new uniform recognized by the public. I, therefore, recommend that the delegates selected to represent this Department at the National Encampment be instructed to vote to continue the present uniform, this action being deemed wise in view of the

report that the subject will be discussed at the National Encampment, and that those opposed to the present uniform will use their utmost efforts to bring about a change.

While not desiring to call your attention to the work of one camp any more than any other, still I deem it wise for your information to say to commanders that the system of cards for notification purposes, the collection of dues, and the bringing back again into active membership of comrades who are delinquent, adopted by W. H. Hubbell Camp No. 12, has seemed a most feasible one, and it is reported to me that the manner in which it has worked out has been most satisfactory. I suggest that commanders may feel free to correspond with Commander William J. S. Dineen, 274 Clifton Place, Brooklyn, who I have no doubt would be very pleased to render all assistance in his power to other commanders along this line.

In the hope that it might be possible to awaken a degree of enthusiasm over this annual assemblage of comrades who freely offered themselves upon the altar of their country during the war with Spain, an effort was begun early to disseminate information concerning this encampment, with a view to securing a larger gathering than had ever been held previously. It has been justified to a degree, and it should be a matter of congratulation that we are enabled to assemble here in such numbers for the purpose of discussing ways and means of benefiting our organization. In this connection I desire earnestly to recommend that as many matters of business as may be, be submitted to the encampment for action. We are, of course, in this encampment to consider the election of officers to guide the good ship during the coming year, and too much care cannot be taken toward that selection, but at the same time permit me to direct your attention for a moment to the fact that election should not be the sole business transacted at our gathering. We are here for business. Let us hope that we will be able to transact it logically and with due regard for the rights of others, looking far into the future in order that our acts may redound to our credit in years to come.

If it is the sense of the encampment that a nominating committee be chosen for the purpose of reporting the names of men for you to consider as officers of this body during the next year, permit me

to say to you as a whole, that I expect that this committee will bear in mind the importance of nominating men who are workers in the organization, and well qualified for the offices for which their names are reported, regardless of personal popularity or the dignity of other offices which they may hold. Representative men should be chosen; men who possess plenty of character, judgment and personality, for it is important in the critical stage of growth of our organization that men should be in office who not only are able to carry out the ideas advocated by other comrades but who, because of their familiarity with the routine of the office, and by blending the suggestions which they may receive, may originate new ideas for the growth and prosperity of our organization. It will be necessary for this committee to canvas the ground thoroughly with a view to the selection for department commander of him who is best qualified to receive the honors which you have in your power to bestow. The commander must be backed by able men, capable of filling other important offices, and I make the recommendation to you: That the delegates from each camp here represented present the name of one comrade as a member of the nominating committee, and that this committee be named at an early hour in order that it may have ample time for the consideration of the problems which confront it.

There has been hearty co-operation shown by the staff named by the commander, and by other comrades to whom have been delegated work during the past year. I cannot close without publicly expressing to you my appreciation of the faithful services performed by Comrade E. A. Burkhardt, who has been my confidential adviser during the past year. He has been ever ready to act upon my suggestion, and I believe you comrades can testify to the activities of his office.

The blanks which have been used by you for the preparation of delegates and alternates credentials were studied out by Past Judge-Advocate John T. Ryan. Senior Vice-Commander Thomas F. Lynch, at the head of the Joint City Council in New York City, Junior vice-Commander Harry A. Ely, and that always courteous and intensely loyal worker, John T. Oates, have been of the greatest possible assistance in the executive management of the Department. You can readily see the embarrassment in which I am placed in

attempting to enumerate the kindly offices which have been performed by comrades in the Department, and I shall not attempt to review them in detail, but can only say that the thanks which I extend to them are genuine and come from the depths of my heart.

In conclusion, I desire to thank Commander MacBean and the comrades of Niagara Falls camp on behalf of the Department, for the courtesies and comradely fellowship which they have shown.

Your commander has tried during the past year to perform his duties conscientiously, and without regard for the amount of labor concerned. He does not claim that mistakes have not been made. Many difficult propositions have been proposed for immediate action, but it was in the hope that a close application to the details might assist in the organization of the Department upon a firmer and more permanent basis, that he gave freely of his time in the enthusiastic discharge of what has proven to be a very pleasant burden.

Again assuring you of my continued lively interest in the welfare of the order, and in the hope that this Department will so grow in strength and influence that it will occupy the high position which its purposes justify, I am,

Most fraternally,

(Signed) C. A. SIMMONS,

Department Commander, U. S. W. V.

By DEPARTMENT MEDICAL DIRECTOR J. H. GRANT:

I move that the report of Department Commander Simmons be referred to a committee of five, to carefully consider it and report back to this encampment the recommendations covered by the report. (Carried.)

Report of Department Adjutant E. A. Burkhardt.

Comrades — In presenting to you my annual report as Adjutant of the Department of New York, for the year 1904-05, permit me to call your attention to the fact that during the year nine General Orders have been issued from headquarters, covering the details of many subjects, and as these are a part of the records of this organization, and as many of the points have been covered in the

report of the department commander, I will not endeavor to again cover this ground.

I want to call your attention to the difficulties which present themselves in the way of receiving prompt replies from camps throughout the Department to official communications from Department headquarters. This is a fault which should be remedied, and no time should be lost in this respect.

As a result of the semi-annual return blanks which were sent out June 30th, asking for the reports of camps on number of comrades in good standing, I am able to present herewith list of camps showing the membership in the Department of New York. In some instances it required six or seven letters to procure a half-hearted response from some camps.

No.	Camp.	Place.	Number of comrades in good standing.	
			Semi-annual report Dec. 31, '04.	Semi-annual report June 30, '05
1	Manhattan	New York City	207	276
2	Marcus D. Russell.....	Troy	90	60
3	Thomas H. Barber	Binghamton	42	42
4	W. H. Hubbell	Brooklyn	100	352
5	Gloucester Naval	Brooklyn	118	118
6	Hon. Stephen Sanford.....	Amsterdam	53	50
7	Niagara Falls	Niagara Falls	53	64
8	William R. Carmer.....	Mount Vernon	24	21
9	Warren A. Wilson	Glens Falls	46	49
10	Theodore Roosevelt	New York City.....	60	86
11	Gen. Eugene Griffin	Schenectady	74	77
12	A. L. Kline	Brooklyn	72	72
13	Col. S. Y. Seyburn	Buffalo	66	77
14	Emerson H. Liscum	Buffalo	76	76
15	Bucky O'Neil	Buffalo	30	30
16	Adm. Schley Naval Squadron...	Brooklyn	58	108
17	Maj. Gen. Robert P. Hughes...	Buffalo	23	28
18	Admiral Philip Naval.....	Brooklyn	70	72
19	Old Guard	New York City.....	110	110
20	Joseph S. Decker.....	New York City.....	51	31
21	Lawton	Brooklyn	85	110
22	Capron	Brooklyn	40	40
23	James M. Jarvis	New York City.....	88	88
24	Col. H. W. Hubbell.....	New York City.....	22	42
25	L. Boardman Smith.....	Rochester	327	361
26	Robert C. Anderson.....	Oswego	30	50
27	Wallace F. Randolph.....	Yonkers	33	37
28	Capt. Frank Rockwell Palmer..	Albany	141	151
29	Winfield S. Overton, Jr.....	Whitestone	31	31

No.	Camp.	Place.	Number of comrades in good standing.	
			Semi-an- nual report Dec. 31, '04.	Semi-an- nual report June 30, '05
30	Neptune Naval	Brooklyn	159	147
31	Griffin Engineers	New York City.....	63	51
32	Alfred C. Weller.....	Middletown	35	36
33	E. H. Liscum	Utica	67	77
34	Henry J. Reilly	Brooklyn	51	55
35	Oscar Ross Wheeler.....	Utica	40	40
36	Defendam	New York City.....	12	39
37	Norman W. Crosby.....	New Rochelle	35	35
38	Gen. Guy V. Henry.....	New York City.....	75	84
39	Auburn	Auburn	45	45
40	E. M. Hoffman.....	Elmira	...	24
41	Bruso Chauncey	Buffalo	14	14
42	Col. Walter Scott.....	Oneonta	...	37
43	G. D. Russell.....	Brooklyn	40	47
44	Major John K. Sague.....	Poughkeepsie	...	67
45	Samuel M. Porter.....	Jamestown	52	57
46	Sergeant Hamilton Fish.....	New York City.....	...	57
47	Baron Steuben	Hornellsville	24	23
48	Admiral Sampson	Brooklyn	...	14
49	Naval	Brooklyn	...	18
50	Medina	Medina	...	24
51	Col. J. W. Vrooman.....	Herkimer	...	37
52	Franklin C. Warner.....	Ilion	...	25
53	Major Frank Keck.....	New York City.....	...	30
54	Gen. Francis V. Greene.....	Tonawanda	...	30

As camps have been mustered in during the year, an account of the comrades composing the membership, and the list of officers, has been made a part of General Orders. Since the last General Order was issued, three more camps have been added to our rolls.

Comrade Charles S. Horsburgh, Commander of Col. E. H. Liscum Camp No. 33, Utica, who was detailed for the muster-in and installation of officers of the Col. John W. Vrooman Camp No. 51, of Herkimer, has made a full report of the proceedings. The ceremonies took place Wednesday evening, July 19, 1905.

The mustering officer in his official reports says: "I would report that I believe this camp means business and will be heard from in the near future."

Comrade Horsburgh also mustered in the Franklin C. Warner Camp No. 51, of Ilion, at Odd Fellows Hall, Ilion, on the same date.

The Mustering Officer in his official report says: "I was surprised that so many were present at this ceremony, owing to the lateness of the hour. I think this will be a very active camp."

The Department Commander desires to express his hearty thanks to Comrade Horsburgh for his efficient work as Mustering Officer at the ceremonies incident to the mustering of both these camps, and to those comrades who assisted in making the installation of these camps successful.

Comrade L. T. Fetzer, Past Department Adjutant, who was detailed for the muster-in and installation of officers of the Major Frank Keck Camp, has made a full report of the proceedings. The ceremonies took place Wednesday evening, August 16th, at Tuxedo Hall, Madison avenue and Fifty-ninth street, New York city.

The Mustering Officer in his official report says: "I have the honor and pleasure to report that the men who compose this new camp appear to be exceptionally strong in character. The spirit of their leader, Major Keck, is dominant in all of them, and will undoubtedly contribute to its success, which I predict as certain. The camp is also to be congratulated upon having secured for its Adjutant, Comrade James S. Long, Past Quartermaster and Past Commander of Gloucester Camp."

The thanks of the Mustering Officer and of the Commander are extended to Comrade John T. Oates of the Department Council of Administration, Commander B. J. Fagan of Manhattan Camp, Commander Thomas F. A. Burns of Gloucester Camp, and other comrades who ably assisted in the muster-in ceremonies and installation of officers.

The Department Commander desires to express his hearty thanks to Comrade Fetzer for his efficient work incident to the ceremonies of the reception into our order of this camp.

Since the preparation of the last General Order, headquarters has been informed of the death of two comrades of Old Guard Camp, Comrade James Colman Brown who was attached to the hospital corps of the United States Army, died July 13, 1905. He had the record of receiving a wound in action and was known for faithful service.

Nestell B. Doubleday, who was Second Lieutenant of the Twenty-second Regiment, New York Volunteers, died in May. The sympathy of Department headquarters is extended to the comrades of this camp, and the families of our deceased comrades.

During the year fifteen camps were instituted or re-organized by Mustering Officers duly designated by the Department Commander. Each of these had begun its official life with every prospect of success, and although other camps have been taken off the list owing to inactivity, this has been for the general betterment of the standing of the Department.

I was able to visit a number of camps through the year, and give them such information as lay in my power. I thoroughly appreciate the courtesy which has been shown me by many Comrades, and I regard my year's experience in office as a very bright spot in my connection with the United Spanish War Veterans, and prize very highly the many warm friendships which have been made.

Fraternally,

(Signed) E. A. BURKHARDT,

Department Adjutant, U. S. W. V.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK,
UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS,

ROCHESTER, N. Y., *August 31, 1904.*

General Orders No. 1.

I. On Monday night, August 29th, the Department Commander mustered in 28 men as charter comrades of Robert C. Anderson Camp, Oswego, N. Y., and installed Captain DeSolve H. Tift (Oswego, N. Y.), Commander, and other officers. Commander E. A. Burkhardt of L. Boardman Smith Camp, Rochester, acted as officer of the day. Good work is expected of the new camp, as much enthusiasm is shown.

II. The Department Commander desires to give formal notice of the grant of a charter to Col. Henry W. Hubbell Camp, U. S. W. V., of New York City, Sebastian P. Hughes (500 W. 41st

Street, New York City), Commander, and to express thanks to James S. Long for services performed as mustering officer.

III. The First National Encampment, U. S. W. V., will be held in St. Louis, Mo., September 19th and 20th. Attention is called to the fact that the management of the Exposition, recognizing this organization as one of pure and unalloyed patriotic origin and motive, has granted a request for free admissions to the Exposition grounds for the National Encampment. The following are excerpts from Circular No. 1, Headquarters National Encampment, U. S. W. V., 1904:

“ Headquarters National Encampment will be established in the Indiana State Building.

“ The Assistant Adjutant General will establish his office in the American Hotel, where all members of the Encampment will report and register. A general information bureau will also be located at this place.

“ Comrades are requested to appear throughout the Encampment in uniform, if they possess them, and all will wear the regulation badge of the organization from the time they enter the City of St. Louis until the close of the Encampment.

“ Hotel accommodations can be secured at the Inside Inn (with 2,500 rooms) located within the inclosure. European plan, \$1.50 to \$5.00 per day; meal tickets, 50 cents and 75 cents. American plan, \$3.00 to \$7.00 per day.

“ The American Hotel, situated just outside the main entrance, has 500 rooms and makes a rate of \$1.00 per day. European plan. Meal tickets, 50 cents.

“ In making reservation of rooms mention the organization.”

In accordance with instructions from National Headquarters each Camp Commander is requested to notify Guy A. Boyle, Adjutant General, National Encampment, U. S. W. V., Suite 1 and 2, De Soto Building, Indianapolis, Ind., how many from his Camp will attend, other than delegates; also number of people not belonging to the organization that will accompany the Camps.

The following were elected at the Department Encampment, State of New York, in Albany, August 15 and 16, 1904, delegates to the National Encampment:

DELEGATES AT LARGE.

- James G. McMurray, Old Guard Camp, No. 195, 24 W. 26th St., New York City.
- W. Fenton Myers, Stephen Sanford Camp, No. 18, Amsterdam, N. Y.
- J. T. Ryan, General R. P. Hughes Camp, No. 150, 11 Erie Co. Bank Building, Buffalo, N. Y.
- William A. Williams, Bucky O'Neil Camp, No. 108, 429 Fulton St., Buffalo, N. Y.

DELEGATES.

- W. F. C. Tichborne, W. R. Carmer Camp, No. 26, care Pelham Republican, Pelham, N. Y.
- J. Finnerty, Naval Squadron Camp, No. 145, 50 Navy St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
- J. T. Oates, J. S. Decker Camp, No. 200, 273 Bay St., Stapleton, Staten Island.
- J. L. WHITLEY, L. B. Smith Camp, No. 53, 412 E. & B. Building, Rochester N. Y.
- James S. Long, Gloucester Naval Camp, No. 17, 501 Atlantic Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.
- A. B. Gilfillan, E. H. Liscum Camp, No. 105, 332 Mooney Building, Buffalo, N. Y.
- J. D. Howland, S. Y. Seyburn Camp, No. 89, 560 Michigan St., Buffalo N. Y.
- C. P. Staats, Frank R. Palmer Camp, No. 61, Albany, N. Y.
- Bernard Fagan, Manhattan Camp, No. 5, 27 Amsterdam Ave., New York City.
- H. E. Raabe, Naval Squadron Camp, No. 145, 257 West 112th St., New York.
- John A. Duncan, Admiral Philip Naval Camp, No. 117, Fort Green Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.
- G. W. McCune, Marcus D. Russell Camp, No. 10, Troy, N. Y.
- John M. Thompson, Manhattan Camp, No. 5, 115 Broadway, New York City.
- L. F. Hettrech, Gen. R. P. Hughes Camp, No. 150, 217 Locust St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Charles L. Franck, W. H. Hubbell Camp, No. 12, 839 Hancock St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

W. J. S. Dineen, W. H. Hubbell Camp, No. 12, 839 Hancock St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

J. J. Phalen, Marcus D. Russell Camp, No. 10, Troy, N. Y.

E. N. Walbridge, L. B. Smith Camp, No. 53, State Armory, Rochester, N. Y.

George L. Krug, Theodore Roosevelt Camp, No. 10, 677 East 137th St., New York.

C. P. Hamilton, W. H. Hubbell Camp, No. 12, 78 Broadway Brooklyn (E. D.), N. Y.

Judge Smith, Tonawanda Camp, No. 35, Tonawanda, N. Y.

Frederick L. Budde, Manhattan Camp, No. 5, 54 New York Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

John A. Allen, Neptune Naval Camp, No. 153, 412 Myrtle Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

John D. Casey, S. Y. Seyburn Camp, No. 89, care Postal Station B, Buffalo, N. Y.

W. F. Morian, Naval Squadron Camp, No. 145, Glendale, L. I.

L. T. Fetzer, Manhattan Camp, No. 5, 35 Wall St., New York City.

John F. Storin, Neptune Naval Camp, 113 Lynch St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

C. S. Hansburg, John F. Dizer and John C. Stein.

David J. Prince, James M. Jarvis Camp, 8th Regiment Armory, 94th St., New York City.

In order that there may be a minimum of expense with a maximum of comfort, Comrade H. A. Ely, Department Junior Vice Commander, has volunteered to act as Commissary and make arrangements for a special car or cars to go through from New York City to St. Louis, stopping at Albany, Rochester and Buffalo, carrying delegates and their friends. He will undertake to make such arrangements, it being clearly understood that no expense is thereby to be entitled upon the Department. In order that Comrade Ely may make definite plans it will be necessary for any comrades and their friends who desire to avail themselves of this opportunity, to communicate with him *at once*. Comrades should not censure any

one but themselves if they delay communicating with Comrade Ely and then find they are too late to be included in the party. Address, Harry A. Ely, Junior Vice Commander, Dept. of N. Y., U. S. W. V., Ely & Laird, No. 193 Greenwich Street, New York City.

The recent encampment empowered delegates to name their alternates. Delegates must report to these headquarters by September 14th whether they or their alternates will attend, in order that proper credentials may be made out. If neither delegate nor alternate report such vacancies will be filled by headquarters.

IV. Adjutants of Camps are requested to supply these headquarters promptly with information concerning changes in address of the Commanders or Adjutants of Camps, U. S. W. V., Department of New York, or of any changes of officers holding these positions.

V. Many comrades of New York City have expressed a desire for the formation in New York City, of a City Council, to be composed of a representative of each of the several local camps, to promote co-operation in our work, following in a general way the lines of a similar organization which has proven successful in Buffalo. In order to obtain an idea of whether this plan meets with general favor, Senior Vice Commander T. F. Lynch and Junior Vice Commander H. A. Ely are directed to decide upon a meeting place and time, and make other necessary arrangements and send out notices calling together the Commanders, Senior and Junior Vice Commanders and Adjutants of each Camp for the purpose of obtaining an expression of the feasibility of forming such City Board. After this meeting, if the plan obtains general favor, each Commander is directed to bring the matter to the attention of his Camp and obtain authority for taking such action as will coincide with plans agreed upon. Until such time as this board elects its own presiding officer, Senior Vice Commander T. F. Lynch is hereby named chairman of meetings, or, in his absence, Junior Vice Commander H. A. Ely.

VI. The Department Commander recommends that an earnest effort be made by each Camp to secure additional members of our order during the ensuing year. For this purpose I suggest that a circular letter be sent by Camps to honorably discharged soldiers or sailors who are eligible for membership who are not now affiliated with the United Spanish War Veterans, and that they be given information concerning the manner of securing admission. The field

is wide and time is ripe. Each Camp should be able to make rapid progress along these lines during the next twelve months.

VII. Through its Adjutant each Camp is directed to forward to these headquarters any suggestions or bills which it is deemed advisable to have the Judge Advocate put in shape for introduction before the next Legislature.

VIII. The Department Commander takes pleasure in announcing the appointment of E. A. Burkhardt as Department Adjutant and Commander Charles Leimbach as Department Quartermaster. The efficient work of the latter in this office during the past year is a guarantee of equally efficient work in the present administration. His able and comprehensive report rendered at the recent encampment merited the flattering reception received.

IX. These Department officers were elected at the encampment in Albany, August 15 and 16, 1904:

Department Commander, C. A. Simmons, L. Boardman Smith Camp, State Armory, Rochester, N. Y.

Department Senior Vice Commander, Thomas F. Lynch, Guy V. Henry Camp, Army Building, 39 Whitehall St., New York City.

Department Junior Vice Commander, Harry A. Ely, Old Guard Camp, 193 Greenwich St., New York City.

Department Inspector, W. Fenton Myers, Stephen Sanford Camp, Amsterdam, N. Y.

Department Medical Director, J. H. Grant, E. H. Liscum Camp, 715 Mutual Life Building, Buffalo, N. Y.

Department Judge Advocate, L. L. Davis, Warren A. Wilson Camp, Glens Falls, N. Y.

Department Chaplain, W. H. I. Reaney, Gloucester Naval Camp, U. S. S. Hancock, Brooklyn Navy Yard.

DEPARTMENT COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

W. F. Foist, Neptune Naval Camp, 1120 Fifth Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

F. O. Seymour, T. H. Barber Camp, Binghamton, N. Y.

A. J. Kennedy, W. S. Overton, Jr., Camp 64 Linden Ave., Flushing, L. I.

W. C. Wild, Naval Squadron Camp, 15 West 99th St., New York City.

R. D. Higgins, G. D. Russell Camp, 83 Fulton St., New York City.
W. F. Morgan, Capron Camp, 136 Meserole Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.
J. T. Oates, J. S. Decker Camp, 273 Bay St., Stapleton, S. I.
B. J. Fagan, Manhattan Camp, 27 Amsterdam Av., N. Y. City.

Enough copies of this order have been printed so that each comrade in the various camps should be informed of Department affairs. Camp Commanders will do their best to distribute them. Care has been taken to give addresses of officers elected in order that comrades may know to whom to look for the proper transaction of Department affairs. Each officer has not merely been honored by his comrades; he has been called to WORK.

C. A. SIMMONS,

Department Commander.

OFFICIAL:

E. A. BURKHARDT,

Department Adjutant,

State Armory,

Rochester, N. Y.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK,
UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., *November 10, 1904.*

General Orders No. 2.

I. A special mustering officer will shortly be detailed to muster in a new Camp to be formed with headquarters at the 22d Regiment Engineers Armory, application for charter having been made through Comrade A. F. Martin.

II. Commander William F. Morian, detailed to muster in a new Camp to be formed in Brooklyn, will render a report on muster to these headquarters; application for charter was made through Comrade Matthew Johnson.

III. At the National Encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans, at St. Louis, September 19 and 20, a motion was carried that each Camp in every Department be furnished gratis with two copies each of the Rules and Regulations, Rituals and Book of Ceremonies. Adjutants of each Camp in the Department of

New York will at once write to Russell B. Harrison, Adjutant General, National Encampment, U. S. W. V., No. 706 Newton Claypool Building, Indianapolis, Ind., requesting that he forward, without delay, these books. Addresses should be written plainly and mention should be made of the fact that the requisition for these books is made in accordance with the motion passed at the National Encampment, in order that the Camps will not be charged for these duplicate sets of books herein mentioned. As there are many changes in the Ritual and the Rules, and in the Ceremonies, it is essential that the officers of each Camp promptly comply with this order.

IV. Those present at the National Encampment held in St. Louis, Mo., representing the Department of New York were:

Regularly elected delegates — Comrades James G. McMurray, J. T. Ryan, W. F. C. Tichborne, J. T. Oates, A. B. Gilfillan, J. D. Howland, L. F. Hetrick, John A. Allen, David J. Prince.

Substitutes — Comrades Geo. Barnes, John Schuck, H. W. Schlappi, Frank Wall, Thomas J. McGreal, George J. VonKromer, Edmund W. Holmes, Fred Lempke, E. M. Lichter, August Bireka, F. C. Kuehnle, Frank R. Johnson, John J. O'Rorke, Hamilton Ward, jr., Department Junior Vice-Commander Harry A. Ely, Fred Green.

In addition to the above, Department Commander Simmons, Past Department Commander Champe S. Andrews, Department Senior Vice-Commander Thomas F. Lynch, and Chaplain W. H. I. Reaney were present.

V. Hearty thanks are due Department Junior Vice-Commander Harry A. Ely for the painstaking manner in which he arranged for the trip of the delegates from the Department of the State of New York to the National Encampment.

VI. There has been filed at Department Headquarters, the proceedings of a Court of Inquiry, organized pursuant to S. O. No. 1, Department of New York, U. S. W. V., dated June 10, 1904, which Court was appointed for the purpose of inquiry into the alleged misconduct of Comrade John W. Bertie, Griffin Engineers Camp No. 68. The proceedings show that the Court was organized with Bernard J. Fagan, President, L. T. Fetzer, Recorder, and Harry A. Ely. Comrade Bertie waived his right to object to the Court on the ground that it was not convened upon his demand. To

the charges and specifications, as shown by the report of the Court, and marked "Exhibit B," Comrade Bertie pleaded as follows:

To Charge One, Specification One, "Not Guilty."
To Charge One, Specification Two, "Not Guilty."
To Charge One, Specification Three, "Not Guilty."
To Charge One, Specification Four, "Not Guilty."
To Charge One, Specification Five, "Not Guilty."
To Charge One, Specification Six, "Not Guilty."
To Charge Two, Specification One, "Not Guilty."
To Charge Three, Specification One, "Not Guilty."

The Court found as follows:

On Charge One, Specification One, Specification Two, Specification Three, Specification Four, Specification Five, Specification Six, and Charge Two, Specification One, and Charge Three, Specification One—that the evidence submitted did not sustain the allegations, and completely exonerated the accused, and "that the allegations in the Charges and Specifications have no basis, in fact, and that they were made without justification, and therefore, the Court recommends that no court-martial be held, but that Comrade John W. Bertie be exonerated and restored to full duty in his Camp." The proceedings of this Court are signed by Comrades Bernard J. Fagan as President, Harry A. Ely, and L. T. Fetzer, Recorder.

VII. Upon the recommendation of Department Senior Vice-Commander Thomas F. Lynch, Paragraph Five, General Orders No. 1, c. s., Department of New York, is hereby amended to provide that, for the formation in New York City of a City Council, to promote co-operation in our work following in a general way the lines of a similar organization which has proven successful in Buffalo, each Camp in New York City is entitled to send representatives to the number of five, to a meeting which shall be called by the Department Senior Vice-Commander. In each case the Camp Commander shall be chairman of the delegation and the balance of the delegation shall consist of delegates duly elected by each camp. These Headquarters have been notified that the next meeting to form the New York City Council will be held November 13th, at 3:30 p. m., in O'Connor's Hall, 48th street and Third avenue, New York City.

VIII. Accompanying each copy of this General Order is a pamphlet containing the proceedings of the first Department Encampment under the provisions providing for the amalgamation of the old Spanish War Veterans, Spanish American War Veterans, and Service Men of the Spanish War, of the State of New York. Care should be taken that these pamphlets are distributed in such a manner that they will be used to the best advantage by the Comrades, who will thus be able to gain an idea of the work which is being carried on in the Department of New York.

IX. The Department Commander has accepted an invitation to pay an official visit to L. Boardman Smith Camp, No. 53, on Monday night, November 14th, on which occasion there will be a smoker and luncheon.

X. National Encampment Headquarters have ordered that the National Parole and Countersign as promulgated in G. O. No. 9, be continued for the remainder of the year of 1904. Camp Commanders will place all Comrades who apply for them, and are eligible to receive them, in possession of them.

XI. Now that the National election is over, it is earnestly to be hoped that the officers of each Camp will take into immediate consideration the early resumption of regular Camp meetings and endeavor, by personal attention to the welfare of Comrades, to bring about that close relationship which all Comrades of the United Spanish War Veterans should feel toward one another. Oftentimes Camps show signs of disintegration because meetings are held too infrequently and because Camp Commanders look upon their office more in the nature of an honor rather than a call to leadership and the direction of the affairs of the Camp. Let us hope that the coming year will witness a stronger movement than ever in the advance of the principles of our order, growth in membership, and such active demonstration of interest in the working of our institution, and the knowledge that it stands for Freedom, Patriotism and Humanity, as to not only interest present members but to cause all other eligible Comrades to rally to our standard.

C. A. SIMMONS,

Official: *Department Commander.*

E. A. BURKHARDT, *Department Adjutant,*

State Armory, Rochester, N. Y.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK,
UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., *January 5, 1905.*

General Orders No. 3

I. Each Camp in the Department which has not already done so, will at once notify Department Headquarters of the names and addresses of officers elected at the annual election of Camps in December, and the date and character of ceremonies marking the muster-in of such new officers.

II. Naval Squadron No. 145, Brooklyn, N. Y., having adopted a new name, will hereafter be known as Admiral Schley Naval Squadron No. 16, U. S. W. V.

III. On November 15th, Department Junior Vice-Commander H. A. Ely acted as reviewing officer at the Third Annual Military Review and Ball of Neptune Naval Camp, U. S. W. V., at Schwaben Hall, Brooklyn, N. Y. Following the review he delivered an address. John T. Oates, of the Department Council of Administration, has made report to Headquarters of visits to a number of Camps, among them being W. H. Hubbell Camp, Brooklyn, Commander William J. S. Dineen; Lawton Camp, Brooklyn, Commander Joseph Lutz; Neptune Naval Camp, Brooklyn, Commander John A. Allen; Col. Henry W. Hubbell Camp, New York City, Commander Sebastian P. Hughes; Griffin Engineers Camp, New York City, Commander D. H. Flansburgh; Manhattan Camp, New York City, Commander B. J. Fagan; Admiral Philip Camp, Brooklyn, Commander J. H. Williams; and has rendered favorable reports on the condition of these Camps. The activity of Department officers and members of the Council of Administration in carrying on the work of the Department, by paying visits and otherwise maintaining interest and enthusiasm in the order, is appreciated by the Department Commander.

IV. Department Headquarters has been notified of the death on September 18, 1904, of Comrade Charles Anderson at the age of 35 years. Death was due to consumption. Comrade Anderson enlisted May 2, 1898, as a private in Company G, 14th Regiment, N. Y. V. I., and was discharged as a private at Brooklyn, N. Y., Oc-

tober 27, 1898, by reason of muster-out of the Regiment. His service was honest and faithful and the Department extends its sympathy to Capron Camp, U. S. W. V., Brooklyn, N. Y., of which he was a member.

V. At the Department Encampment in Albany last August, no report was received with more attention or excited more comment than that of Past Judge Advocate John T. Ryan, whose fidelity to the duties of his office and knowledge of attempts at legislation on behalf of comrades of our order, earned the admiration of all delegates. The Encampment ordered that five thousand copies be distributed throughout the Department. These pamphlets have been held until the present time in order that they might be distributed at such a time as would seem to give them the greatest attention on the part of the general body of comrades.

Accordingly, accompanying this General Order, sent to each Camp, is an allotment of these pamphlets and care should be taken that they are distributed in such a manner that they will be used to the best advantage by the comrades, who will not only thus be able to gain an idea of the work which is being carried on along these lines, but will after mature deliberation be able to offer suggestions for transmittal to the present Judge Advocate, Loyal L. Davis, of Glens Falls, N. Y., who will thus be able to obtain the thought of the comrades on matters pertaining to legislation.

The Department Commander takes this opportunity to call attention to the importance of every Camp using its influence in securing the passage of such legislation as is presented at the present session of the State Legislature. In the past, as an organization, we have been lax in many details pertaining to such matters, relying too much on our Judge Advocate. As will be seen by the report of the Past Judge Advocate, numerous bills have been introduced at previous sessions and have failed of enactment. With united efforts of all Camps we should add more favorable legislation to the statute books.

Proposed bills have been suggested as follows:

Amendment to the Poor Law, so as to authorize U. S. W. V. Camps to distribute poor relief.

Amendment to the act providing for the issuance of licenses, to

peddle and auction, to all honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines of the Spanish War.

Amendment to the law providing for stands of arms to Camps of U. S. W. V.

Amendment to the law providing for the use of armories as meeting places for U. S. W. V. Camps.

Law providing for the presentation of medals to all honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines enlisting from the State of New York in the Spanish War.

Law providing for the admission of United Spanish War Veterans to the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Bath.

Favorable consideration of too many measures should not be expected this year, but with active and united effort by all Camps, there is no reason why several of the proposed amendments should not pass. The Department Commander suggests that every Camp, after mature deliberation, adopt resolutions favoring such legislation as is thought advisable, and send a certified statement of the results of such action to

(A) The Department Commander;

(B) The Judge Advocate, Hon. Loyal L. Davis, Glens Falls, N. Y.;

And that committees should be appointed to wait on the Senators and Assemblymen representing local districts, and endeavor by all honorable means to secure the co-operation necessary to pass the laws desired.

VI. In accordance with Paragraph 2 of General Order No. 2, these Headquarters, Commander William F. Morian, of Admiral Schley Naval Squadron, No. 16, detailed to muster-in a new Camp of the United Spanish War Veterans, Department of New York, application for the charter for which was made by Matthew Johnson, has ordered a detailed report. The muster-in of the Camp, which has been designated Reilly Camp, took place Friday night, Nov. 4, at Room 2, Borough Hall, Brooklyn, N. Y. The new Camp was fully instructed in the secret work according to the new ritual. The following officers were duly installed:

Commander.—Matthew Johnson, 37 St. Edwards St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Senior Vice-Commander.—James Purcell, 37 St. Edwards St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Junior Vice-Commander.—Edgar Sears, 583 DeKalb Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Officer of the Day.—Thomas Greene, 36 Auburn Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Officer of the Guard.—Simon McArdle, 409 West 15th St., New York City.

Chaplain.—Benjamin Peate, 140 Sands St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Trustees.—James Tubman, 39 Prospect St., Brooklyn; Henry W. Leimberg, 254 Myrtle Ave., Brooklyn; Julius Boehm, 324 Jay St., Brooklyn.

Adjutant.—Michael Asher, 137 Washington Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Quartermaster.—Thomas Gourley, 1446 St. Marks Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

On the staff of Mustering Officer Morian, were the following comrades: Past Chaplain James McMillan and Adjutant Henry Franck of Wm. H. Hubbell Camp; Senior Vice-Commander Frank Rusch, Paymaster Charles Beuscher, Officer of the Day William Gartz, Chaplain Stanley E. Shaw, and Shipmate Joseph Kenny of Admiral Schley Naval Squadron, No. 16.

Following an address by the Mustering Officer a beautiful gavel and a stand of Spanish colors were presented to the new Camp on behalf of the shipmates of Admiral Schley Naval Squadron No. 16.

Great credit is due the Mustering Officer and the members of his staff for the efficient manner in which the joint ceremonies of muster-in and installation of officers were carried on in this instance. Several complimentary reports concerning them have been made to the Department Commander by those in attendance.

VII. Department Quartermaster Charles Leimbach is hereby detailed Mustering Officer to muster in a new Camp in New York City, to be known as Defendiam Camp, application for charter for which was made by Alexander F. Martin. After the muster-in ceremonies, officers will be installed and the Mustering Officer will promptly render a report on these proceedings to Department Headquarters.

VIII. The attention of Camp Commanders is called to the fact that the Rules and Regulations of the United Spanish War Veterans (Article 7, Section 19) call for a semi-annual return to Department Headquarters. Each Camp will at once comply with this provision. This return should show:

Name of Camp.

Number of Camp.

Name of Commander.

Address of Commander.

Name of Adjutant.

Address of Adjutant.

Number of comrades in good standing.

Number of comrades suspended during past six months.

Number of comrades given honorable discharges during the past six months.

Number of comrades dishonorably discharged during past six months.

Number of comrades given transfers.

Number of comrades mustered in during past six months.

Net gain or loss.

Has the Camp per capita tax for both quarters of the half year just ended been paid to Charles Leimbach, Department Quartermaster, U. S. W. V., 40 Cumberland St., Brooklyn, N. Y.?

C. A. SIMMONS,

Department Commander.

Official:

E. A. BURKHARDT, *Department Adjutant,*

State Armory, Rochester, N. Y.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK,
UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., *February 7, 1905.*

General Orders No. 4.

Per Capita Tax.

I. For the period from July 1, 1904, to December 31, 1904, a Department per capita tax of ten cents is hereby levied on each comrade borne upon Camp rolls December 31, 1904. Camp Commanders are hereby directed to have this tax forwarded at once to Charles Leimbach, Department Quartermaster, No. 40 Cumberland Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. Camps which have paid the per capita tax for the above period are not included in the foregoing.

II. Camps mustered in during the period from July 1, 1904, to December 31, 1904, will begin to pay a Department per capita tax January 1, 1905.

III. Some Camps are in arrears for the period from October 1st to December 31st, 1904. Such Camps are directed to forward at once to Charles Leimbach, Department Quartermaster, 40 Cumberland Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., a per capita tax of five cents on each comrade borne upon the rolls of such Camp December 31, 1904.

IV. For the period of January 1, 1905, to June 30, 1905, a Department per capita tax of fifteen cents is hereby levied on each comrade borne upon the rolls of each Camp on December 31, 1904. Camp Commanders are directed to have this tax paid not later than July 31st, to Charles Leimbach, Department Quartermaster, No. 40 Cumberland Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

V. It is important that the per capita tax should be paid promptly in order that the Quartermaster may make out regular reports, and that due credit may be given to Camps which pay promptly and comply with Department orders. It is the sense of the Council of Administration that Camps which neglect to pay their per capita tax in the time specified, shall not be allowed consideration in the payment of per capita taxes at the last moment, thus tending to mix up the Quartermaster's accounts and rendering necessary an entire revision of his figures.

Department Encampment.

VI. The Department Council of Administration has unanimously decided upon Niagara Falls as the place for holding the Department Encampment in August. A special effort will be made to secure a large attendance of delegates and other comrades in order that this Encampment may be made the largest and most important yet held by any organization of veterans of the War with Spain. Camps should at once begin planning for this event. The dates selected are August 14, 15 and 16.

Countersign and Parole.

VII. In accordance with an order from Headquarters National Encampment, the National Countersign for the six months ending June 30, 1905, is 7-16-23-28-39-34-27-38.

The National "Parole" for the six months ending June 30, 1905, is 12-34-23-8-5-29.

VIII. The Department Countersign during the balance of term of this Department administration is hereby promulgated as follows: 3-26-16-28-33-36-23-39-28-30.

Inauguration of Comrade Roosevelt.

IX. After consulting with comrades throughout the Department, it has seemed to be the opinion of a majority that it might be well to have the Department of New York represented by as many uniformed comrades as possible, and other comrades who have not procured the official uniform, at the exercises in connection with the inauguration of our comrade, Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, in Washington, in March. This matter, therefore, is laid before Camps for such action as they may desire to take. Department Senior Vice-Commander Thomas F. Lynch is hereby detailed to make such arrangements as may seem wise for the marshaling in the City of Washington on that date of such comrades from the Department as desire to participate in the parade, and he is authorized to make such other arrangements as he may think wise, and to issue such orders for this affair as may be necessary, all of which is to be at no expense to the Department.

Staff.

X. It is the desire of the Department Commander to extend courtesies to faithful workers in Camps by naming them upon his staff and it is his request that each Camp Commander nominate within two weeks from the date of this order, a comrade from his Camp for this staff. If nominations are not received within the period named, it will be taken for granted that Camps do not desire such representation.

Encouraging Outlook.

XI. Having officiated as Mustering Officer at the installation of officers of Manhattan Camp, Commander B. J. Fagan, New York City; W. H. Hubbell Camp, Commander Wm. J. S. Dineen, Brooklyn; Niagara Falls Camp, Commander H. W. McBean, Niagara Falls; Col. S. Y. Seyburn Camp, Commander Charles E. Haller, Buffalo; Emerson H. Liscum Camp, Commander Walter E. Pagan, Buffalo; Major General Robert P. Hughes Camp, Commander Louis F. Hettrick, Buffalo; Bucky O'Neil Camp, Commander Wm. A. Williams, Buffalo; Bruso-Chauncey Camp, Commander Michael W. Halblaub, Buffalo; L. Boardman Smith Camp, Commander Frederick S. Couchman, Rochester; E. H. Liscum Camp, Commander Charles S. Horsburgh, Utica, and Auburn Camp, Commander A. F. Hodgman, Auburn; and having talked with the Commanders and comrades of these and many other Camps, it is a firm conviction that the work which is being accomplished by Camps is most encouraging as regards material growth in stability, size and influence. The Department Commander regrets that it is impossible to pay a personal visit to every Camp in the Department.

Encouraging reports have been received from comrades detailed to install officers in Camps throughout the Department, and it is a source of regret that space cannot be afforded commensurate reports of the good work done by officers of the Department, members of the Council of Administration, and other active comrades, through visitation of Camps and instruction given.

Defendam Camp.

XII. Department Quartermaster Leimbach, who was detailed for the muster-in and installation of officers of a Camp, application for which was made by Alexander F. Martin, has made a full report of the proceedings. The ceremonies took place on Friday evening, December 30, 1904, at the 22d Regiment Armory, New York City.

The Mustering Officer in his official statement says:

"I am glad to report to you that I expect great things from this new Camp as they have a whole Regiment to enlist from, meet in their own Armory, and it seems to me all the officers of the Regiment are taking an interest in the new Camp and, therefore, it will have great influence. I cannot fail to mention at this time that I was ably assisted in the work of the evening by Commander John T. Oates, of Joseph S. Decker Camp, No. 20, and by Shipmates F. M. Hauschild and Louis Siqueland, of Neptune Naval Camp, No. 30."

Officers of the Camp are:

Commander, Walter B. Hotchkin, No. 66 Broadway, New York City; Senior Vice-Commander, Wilber F. Barber; Junior Vice-Commander, Robert J. Daly; Adjutant, Alexander F. Martin, No. 66 Broadway, New York City; Quartermaster, Louis H. Grief; Officer of the Day, Albert H. Dycett; Officer of the Guard, Edwin J. Parks; Trustees, Edward J. Rice, John J. Hanlon and Charles R. Henrigues.

The Department Commander desires to express his thanks to the Department Quartermaster for his work as Mustering Officer, and to those comrades who assisted in making the installation of this new Camp a complete success.

Death of Comrade Thompson.

XIII. Headquarters have been notified of the death in December in Galveston, Texas, of Comrade Charles E. Thompson. Comrade Thompson served in the United States Navy from March 18, 1898, to May 15, 1901. He was born in Sweden, and was 32 years of age. He was a member of Neptune Naval Camp, U. S. W. V., and the

sympathies of comrades in this Department are extended to the family of the deceased and the comrades of his Camp.

By Order

C. A. SIMMONS,

Official: *Department Commander.*

E. A. BURKHARDT, *Department Adjutant,*

State Armory, Rochester, N. Y.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK,
UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., *March 21, 1905.*

General Orders No. 5.

Use of New Rituals.

I. A reasonable time has elapsed since the issue of the new Rituals, and Rules and Regulations, so that each Camp ought to be working under the new order of business. Camps which have delayed in this matter are directed to at once take up the new forms, both because of the proper instruction necessary, and because of the greater interest such work stimulates among the Comrades of each Camp. Every comrade should be instructed individually in the Countersigns, Parole, and the unwritten work of the order.

Department Inspection.

II. Department Inspector W. Fenton Myers will at once cause to be made an inspection of Camps in the Department of New York, in order that he may render a report of the status of Camps at the coming Department Encampment in Niagara Falls, August 14th, 15th and 16th. The Department Inspector is authorized to have inspection report blanks printed, and to place these in the hands of the inspectors whom he will detail to assist him with the work. For the purpose of this inspection, the Department is hereby divided into four inspection districts, namely, No. 1, Buffalo and Rochester District; No. 2, Syracuse and Albany District; No. 3, New York City District; No. 4, Brooklyn District.

Assistant Inspectors detailed by the Department Inspector will perform their duties promptly. They should each take care that they are properly informed as to the unwritten work of the order, countersigns, and be prepared to criticise the work of the officers in the muster-in ceremonies where they attend Camp meetings. It should be the duty of the Assistant Inspectors to assist the Camps to the best of their abilities by answering questions and otherwise promoting the work of the Department. Returns of these Assistant Inspectors will be made direct to the Department Inspector, W. Fenton Myers, Amsterdam, N. Y.

Employment Bureau.

III. Several Camps in the Department have found it of advantage to have employment bureaus. These bureaus, managed by some of the most active workers, preferably a small committee, send letters to leading business houses of the city wherein the Camp is located, and state that they can furnish men for whose personal characters they can vouch, and that they will be glad to know at the earliest possible moment of a vacancy in any department which can be filled by a Spanish War Veteran. Comrades who desire to place their names in the hands of this employment bureau sign a formal application blank stating data, which is held by the employment bureau on its files for reference at any time, and each comrade who makes out this application blank agrees to give one-quarter of his wages for some stated period (for instance one-quarter of his first week's salary), and this is carried in the treasury of the employment bureau to defray expenses which may be incurred. This plan for an employment bureau is along the lines of assisting comrades in a legitimate and strictly fraternal spirit, and it involves the principles upon which our order is founded. It is not meant to create this bureau in the spirit of a charitable enterprise, nor to operate it along those lines, but rather as a straight outgrowth of conditions in the business world which demand employees who can be vouched for, and this furnishes an opportunity for Camps to do positive good for deserving comrades. This plan is recommended for Camps which have not adopted it.

Legislation.

IV. The Department Commander desires to express his appreciation of the prompt manner in which some Commanders of Camps and comrades throughout the Department took heed of the recent request made for action along certain lines in support of pending legislation. On the other hand, many comrades to whom letters were addressed have made no sign of having received any of the numerous communications bearing upon this subject. A few weeks will determine whether the full degree of success has been attained.

Comrades of the Department must realize that legislation of a favorable nature will not be *thrown* at us, and that others will take just as much interest in our welfare as we show by strength and interest, we deserve. The joint City Councils of New York and Buffalo are deserving of praise and thanks are tendered Loyal L. Davis, to Commander James E. Smith and the comrades of Frank Rockwell Palmer Camp of Albany, and to Commander C. S. Martin and the comrades of Robert C. Anderson Camp of Oswego, for their activities.

Representation at the Inauguration.

V. A complete report has been filed at Department Headquarters by the Executive Committee composed of Department Senior Vice-Commander Thomas F. Lynch, Commander James G. McMurray, Clinton P. Hamilton, and John T. Oates of the Department Council of Administration, who were designated to take charge of the delegation of comrades of the Department of New York who attended the ceremonies incident to the inauguration of President Theodore Roosevelt, a comrade of our organization. The Department of New York was represented by comrades from these Camps:

General Guy V. Henry, Decker, Reilly, Theodore Roosevelt, Neptune Naval, L. Boardman Smith, Norman W. Crosby, Wallace F. Randolph and Lawton.

Headquarters were established at No. 719 Sixth street, N. W. The comrades participated as a member of the President's escort from the White House to the Capitol and presented a splendid ap-

pearance in their uniforms. The thanks of Department Headquarters are extended to those comrades who assisted in making this event a success.

Department Encampment.

VI. Camp Commanders are requested to post in a conspicuous position in Camp meeting rooms, the date of the Department Encampment in Niagara Falls, August 14, 15 and 16, in order that comrades may plan to take their vacations at such a time as will permit of their being present. No effort should be spared to make this encampment a complete success.

VII. Camp Commanders should plan to have their Camps participate in Memorial Day exercises, and for this purpose should try and have all comrades secure uniforms. Uniformed comrades will add to the interest and general enjoyment of the next Department Encampment.

Per Capita Tax.

VIII. In order that the work of the Department may be carried on in a business-like manner, Commanders of Camps are requested to see that per capita tax levied in General Order No. 4 is paid promptly. The per capita tax for the first six months of 1905 is fifteen cents for each comrade in good standing on Camp records December 31, 1904. This tax is payable to Charles Leimbach, Department Quartermaster, 40 Cumberland St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Admiral Schley Naval Squadron Reception.

IX. The attention of the comrades throughout the Department is directed to the Third Annual Reception and Review of Admiral Schley Naval Squadron No. 16, Department of New York, to be held at the Brooklyn Labor Lyceum, on Saturday, March 25, 1905.

Rear Admiral W. S. Schley, U. S. N. (Retired) will be the reviewing officer, Department Junior Vice-Commander H. A. Ely will deliver an address and present a beautiful stand of colors to the Camp. Men prominent in the political life of the State and prominent comrades of the United Spanish War Veterans will be

present. The review is scheduled to take place at 9:30 P. M. Music will be furnished by the famous Twenty-Third Regiment Band. Camp Commanders are respectfully asked to assist Admiral Schley Naval Squadron in making this function a complete success.

Suspension of G. Reed Wilson Camp.

X. Numerous attempts have been made to elicit correspondence from G. Reed Wilson Camp, of Batavia. William Coon, Commander, has persistently neglected to answer communications or comply with orders from Headquarters. By virtue of the powers vested in me, I, therefore, suspend the charter of G. Reed Wilson Camp, and declare members of that Camp no longer members of the United Spanish War Veterans. I take this opportunity of publicly reprimanding William Coon for his apparent wilful neglect of duty, as well as his flagrant disregard of the common rules of courtesy and brotherly action. The Quartermaster will strike the name of this Camp from his list, and Camp Commanders are warned against receiving into their Camp meetings any member of this Camp by transfer card or countersign.

Death of Comrade Ellis.

XI. Department Headquarters have been notified of the death of Comrade Charles F. Ellis, late private of Troop M, First United States Cavalry. His death occurred February 3, 1905, from consumption, superinduced by exposure during his service in the war with Spain. He was a member of W. H. Hubbell Camp of Brooklyn, and the sympathy of comrades throughout the Department is extended to the comrades of this Camp.

Death of Comrade Hayden.

XII. Department Headquarters have been advised of the death of Comrade James Hayden, of the U. S. S. Colorado, at League Island Navy Yard, Philadelphia, on February 21, 1905. The cause of death was pneumonia. Comrade Hayden was in the naval service fourteen years and served aboard the Battleship Iowa during the war with Spain. He was an applicant for admission to Col. Henry W. Hubbell Camp, No. 24, and this Camp fur-

nished a military escort at the funeral February 25th. Comrade Hayden was buried with full military honors, Chaplain W. H. I. Reaney officiating. A firing squad of marines from the Brooklyn Navy Yard participated at the request of Commander Sebastian P. Hughes, of Col. Henry W. Hubbell Camp. Commander Hughes writes appreciatively of the assistance rendered his Camp by Commander B. J. Fagan, of Manhattan Camp, and others. The military escort consisted of Commander Hughes, Senior Vice-Commander Blatter and Comrade Franke of Hubbell Camp No. 24, Commander Fagan, Chaplain Keene and Comrade Coyle of Manhattan Camp No. 1. The sympathy of comrades throughout the Department is extended to Col. Henry W. Hubbell Camp and the family of Comrade Hayden.

By order

C. A. SIMMONS,

Department Commander.

Official:

E. A. BURKHARDT, *Department Adjutant,*

State Armory, Rochester, N. Y.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK,
UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., May 8, 1905.

General Orders No. 6.

Memorial Day.

I. The time is close at hand when comrades will be privileged to observe the custom of setting aside a day in which they may gather about the graves of departed comrades and do honor to the name and fame of those who gave freely of their labor and their lives in the service of their country. No living soldier with an honorable record, should fail to observe the rites of this day. The custom which has grown in honor and observance as a result of the loyalty of the Grand Army of the Republic, is one which may well be lived up to and kept alive by the soldiers who served in the war with Spain.

Noble men, in the fullness of their lives, sacrificed themselves on the altar of their country, and the memory of their heroism and stoicism to pains and wounds, in camp, on the march and amid the din of battle, should be perpetuated in external acts, as well as enshrined in the secrecy of loving memory in the hearts of the living.

Individual instances may be thrown upon the screen of memory in which the bravest of the brave greeted the approach of the grim Reaper, far from home and loved ones, amid uninviting scenes, with never a tremor of dread or cowardice, and it is meet that we who still live to enjoy the blessings of life and comradeship, should gather to show our appreciation of the soldierly qualities and manliness of the honored dead. Thus may we set an example in patriotism and keep bright the flame of loyalty to our beloved country.

Comrades both uniformed and ununiformed are urged to participate in the organized observance of the day, and to assist in the decoration of graves.

The Joint City Council of Buffalo, Comrade Hamilton Ward, chairman, will make arrangements for the participation of Camps in that city; the Joint City Council of New York, Comrade Thomas F. Lynch, Chairman, will settle all questions concerning the turnout of camps and order of precedence in the parades in Greater New York.

Camps wherever located are urged to make early preparation insuring a large representative appearance of the United Spanish War Veterans, and should extend an invitation to unattached comrades to join with them in the observance of ceremonies on this occasion. The true spirit of Memorial Day has been lost to many people, and it should be the aim of the United Spanish War Veterans to do their utmost to merit no censure based on the accusation that we are not alive to the true import and sacredness of the duties clearly defined for us. Reverently we should lay the garlands and wreaths of love and respect on the graves of the heroes who have gone to their reward, and no other engagement should be allowed to interfere with our plain duties.

Department Inspection.

II. The Department Inspector, W. Fenton Myers, of Hon. Stephen Sanford Camp, Amsterdam, N. Y., has submitted a division of the State for the purpose of inspections, together with a list of names of comrades to make inspections in the several districts, as follows:

District No. 1. Buffalo-Rochester District.—Camps located at Buffalo, Rochester, Niagara Falls, Tonawanda, Medina, Geneva, Olean, Jamestown, Hornellsville and Elmira.

Assistant Inspectors.—Comrades John D. Howland, Buffalo; Hamilton Ward, Buffalo; James L. Whitley, Rochester; E. A. Burkhardt, Rochester.

District No. 2. Syracuse-Albany District.—Camps located at Syracuse, Oswego, Utica, Auburn, Walton, Binghamton, Herkimer, Amsterdam, Schenectady, Albany, Troy, Kingston, Glens Falls, Whitehall, Hoosick Falls, Saratoga Springs and Oneonta.

Assistant Inspectors.—Comrades Frank Hoppman, Schenectady; John J. Phelan, Troy; John Gomph, Utica; Arnold B. Sanford, Utica; F. O. Seymour, Binghamton; A. B. Staats, Albany.

District No. 3. New York and Vicinity.—Camps located at New York City, Yonkers, Port Chester, Mt. Vernon, New Rochelle, Middletown and Poughkeepsie.

Assistant Inspectors.—Comrades Harry A. Ely, New York City; L. T. Fetzer, New York City; Jas. G. McMurray, New York City; F. C. Kuehnle, New York City.

District No. 4. Brooklyn and Vicinity.—Camps located at Brooklyn, Flushing and Whitestone.

Assistant Inspectors.—Comrades John T. Oates, Stapleton, S. I.; Charles Leimbach, Brooklyn; Clinton P. Hamilton, Brooklyn.

The Department Inspector writes: "I have endeavored to appoint enough assistants in the districts containing a large number of Camps located closely together, so that each inspector will have four Camps, or an average of four Camps to inspect. By dividing up the work we should get reports from every Camp in these districts. In the districts having Camps located at quite a distance apart, I have endeavored to appoint assistants with the view of saving traveling expenses to the Camps to be inspected."

"I am desirous of being able in my report to the Department Encampment at Niagara Falls in August, to say that every Camp in the Department has been officially inspected, and to be able to report the condition in that way of each Camp. By doing so, the Camps which make a good showing will be encouraged to keep up to the standard, and the Camps falling below in the work, etc., will be spurred on to do better work and make a better showing in the following inspections and report."

The Department Commander earnestly desires the assistant inspectors to co-operate loyally and forward returns promptly to the Department Inspector, W. Fenton Myers, Sanford Homestead Building, Amsterdam, N. Y., in order that his report may be compiled and show the actual status of the Department.

Department Encampment.

III. At the earnest solicitation of the Comrades of the Camp at Niagara Falls, the dates of the Department Encampment are hereby changed to *August 21st, 22d and 23d*. As the comrades of this Camp are to be the hosts, it is only courtesy to grant their request, and this is cheerfully done.

In preparation for the coming Encampment at Niagara Falls a number of Camps have originated the plan of organizing within the camp membership "Encampment Clubs." That is, men who think there is a possibility of their attending the Encampment deposit with Quartermaster of their Camp on each meeting night a certain sum, say twenty-five cents or fifty cents, or a larger sum if convenient, and these amounts are held by the Quartermaster

subject to the call of the depositor. It would seem as though this plan should prove a good one in aiding the work of insuring the presence of a large delegation from each Camp at the Encampment. No pains should be spared by the commanders of camps and other officers to work up the greatest possible enthusiasm concerning this Encampment, in order that we may show the strength and interest which is manifested in the organization.

Don't forget the dates: August 21, 22 and 23. Let us make this gathering one long to be remembered.

The Camp at Niagara Falls may be depended upon to give delegates and other visiting comrades a royal good time, and as Niagara Falls and vicinity abounds in pleasure resorts, the trip, taking into account what is trusted will prove profitable business sessions, and the journeys to many points of interest which will be arranged by the Niagara Falls Camp, ought to prove a goal for every comrade who can so arrange his vacation time as to take advantage of this yearly opportunity to get together for mutual profit and fraternal greetings.

Department Auxiliary.

IV. Mrs. Isabelle Alexander, President General of the National Auxiliary of the U. S. W. V., has advised Mrs. W. B. Young, Jr., President of the Auxiliary of the Department of New York, that she will accept the invitation which has been extended to her by the Department Commander to be present during the encampment in Niagara Falls. The Department desires to extend every courtesy to the noble women who form the auxiliary organization of the United Spanish War Veterans, and at some date during the Encampment an opportunity will be given Mrs. Alexander to address the comrades of the Department of New York. The presence of this officer, high in National Councils, will add much to the interest of the Encampment.

V. Mrs. W. B. Young, Jr., was duly installed as President of the Auxiliary of the Department of New York by the Department Commander of New York, U. S. W. V., on Thursday evening, April 20th. The ceremonies were public. Luncheon was served by the members of the Betsy Ross Auxiliary.

Commanders of Camps which have no auxiliaries are urged to co-operate with Mrs. Young in the establishment of auxiliaries.

New Camps.

VI. Reports will shortly be published of the muster-in of new Camps at Elmira, Poughkeepsie and Oneonta. The order is increasing in size and influence. Every member should do his full share to place his Camp on a solid foundation.

F. C. Barlow Camp Delinquent.

VII. Extraordinary efforts have been made to revive interest in the F. C. Barlow Camp of New York City. These efforts have not met with ready response from the men who formed the Camp, and owing to the fact that meetings have not been held regularly, interest has died out and the Camp is not in a condition to longer continue on the records of the Department of New York. I therefore, declare this Camp in bad standing with the Department. It is the opinion of the officers of the U. S. W. V. that where Camps become inactive it is for the best interests of the order that they be not carried upon the records. The Quartermaster will strike the name of this Camp from his list, and Camp Commanders are warned against receiving into their Camp meetings any member of this Camp by transfer card or countersign.

Death of Comrade Detman.

VIII. Department Headquarters has been notified of the death on March 9th of Comrade William G. Detman, Emerson H. Liscum Camp No. 14, Buffalo, N. Y. Comrade Detman served in 1898 in Company A, 65th Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, and was in the service of the National Guard of New York at the time of his death, holding a warrant as a noncommissioned officer in the 65th Regiment. Comrade Detman was given a military funeral. Pallbearers and a firing squad were furnished by Company A of the 65th Regiment, and a large number of Comrades of Liscum Camp and other Camps in Buffalo were in attendance upon the funeral. The burial service of the United Spanish War Veterans was read at the grave by Commander Louis F. Hettrick, of the Major-General Robert P. Hughes Camp, representing the Joint Buffalo City Board, and by Past Commander A. B. Gilfillan, now Adjutant of the E. H. Liscum Camp, acting as Chaplain. The

sympathy of the Comrades in the Department of New York is extended to the members of Emerson H. Liscum Camp, and the family of our deceased Comrade.

Are More Copies Wanted?

IX. Camp Commanders are directed to forward promptly to these Headquarters, the records of Comrades of the United Spanish War Veterans whose deaths occur during the year. The name, age and war record of such deceased Comrades will be given accurately in order that proper mention may be made of such Comrades in orders from Department Headquarters.

X. At present orders are being issued to both Commanders and Adjutants of Camps. If sufficient orders are not issued, more will be furnished if these Headquarters are notified. It would seem as though it would be a wise plan to get these orders into the hands of as many active Comrades as possible, thus keeping them advised of the work that is going on in the Department and the National Encampment. Camp Commanders are particularly enjoined to see that the provisions of this paragraph are carried out.

By order,

C. A. SIMMONS,

Official:

Department Commander.

E. A. BURKHARDT, *Department Adjutant,*

State Armory, Rochester, N. Y.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK,

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS,

ROCHESTER, N. Y., *July 3, 1905.*

General Orders No. 7.

Semi-Annual Return.

I. The attention of Camp Commanders is directed to the fact that the Rules and Regulations of the United Spanish War Veterans (Art. 7, § 19), call for a semi-annual return to Department Headquarters on July 1st. Each Camp will at once comply with

this provision. Printed blanks have been mailed to each Adjutant for this purpose. It is desired that the returns of every Camp be at Department Headquarters in order that a consolidated report may be forwarded to the National Encampment. The number of Comrades reported in good standing will be the number which will regulate the number of delegates to which each Camp is entitled at the Department Encampment and will also be the number upon which the Department per capita tax of five cents for the months of July, August and September will be paid.

Delegates to Department Encampment.

II. Several Camps have requested a ruling on section 14, article 7, Rules and Regulations, concerning the date to be used as a basis for electing delegates. The National Encampment has ruled:

“As our Camps are rapidly increasing in membership, and it is the desire of National officers that the membership of the Camps should be fully represented in electing delegates, I am authorized to instruct you that the date of June 30, 1905, has been agreed upon as the date to be used as a basis for electing delegates to the Department Encampment.”

The Adjutant of each Camp in the Department will at once notify these Headquarters of the number of Comrades in good standing in their Camps on June 30, 1905, and will elect delegates to the Department Encampment in Niagara Falls August 21, 22 and 23, on the basis of the figures submitted.

Three-Month per Capita Tax.

III. Following precedent, and upon recommendation of the Department Quartermaster, a vote of the Department Council of Administration was taken upon the proposition that a per capita tax of five cents be levied on each member in good standing in the various Camps in the Department of New York, for the quarter including July, August and September, 1905. The vote was unanimously in favor of such levy, and the Department Commander was authorized to issue such levy.

Said per capita tax is hereby levied on each member in good standing in the various Camps, payable on or before the first day

of the Department Encampment in Niagara Falls, August 21, 1905.

Some Camps of the Department have not yet paid their per capita tax of fifteen cents per Comrade for the first six months of the year. Bills are being contracted in connection with work which is carried on by Headquarters, and these should be met promptly. It is, therefore, desired that all Camps at once pay the five cents per capita tax for the months of July, August and September, and any Camps in arrears on the fifteen cent per capita tax for the first six months of the year, should at once remit to Charles Leimbach, Department Quartermaster, 40 Cumberland street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Department Encampment.

IV. Elaborate plans are being made by the Comrades of Niagara Falls Camp for the entertainment of delegates to the Department Encampment at Niagara Falls, August 21, 22 and 23. A trip on the Gorge route, a moonlight excursion on the Niagara river, and other features are planned.

Comrades of the Camps in Buffalo are to assist in making the entertainment a complete success. *Every Comrade should make an effort to be present.*

Rates of a fare and a third have been secured from the Trunk Line Association. Inquire of the local ticket agents to ascertain just what the transportation expense will be. Rates at the hotels in Niagara Falls from \$1 to \$3 per day.

Arrangements are being made looking to a successful Encampment of the Ladies Auxiliary, The National President General, Mrs. Isabelle Alexander, will be present.

National Encampment "Roll of Honor."

V. The attention of Camp officers is called to the fact that the National Encampment will issue a "Roll of Honor" in July, of Camps of the United Spanish War Veterans which have paid their National Encampment per capita tax for the period from January 1 to June 30, 1905. It should be a matter of pride on the part of all Camps to have the Department of New York ahead of other

Departments in the United States, the position it now holds, and Camp Commanders are urged to have action taken looking to a payment of all obligations in order that the Camps may be in good standing.

Major John K. Sague Camp.

VI. In accordance with instructions from Department Headquarters, Comrade John T. Oates, of the Department Council of Administration, mustered in the Major John K. Sague Camp of Poughkeepsie, on Friday evening, April 21, at the State Armory in that city.

Following the muster-in ceremonies, officers were installed into their respective stations and given necessary information pertaining to official duties. The Mustering Officer reports:

"I was most favorably impressed by the soldierly appearance of the Comrades and the sincerity and enthusiasm of the officers and Comrades of this Camp. Upon concluding my work a business session was held, and the efficient manner in which Commander Sague and his officers handled the proceedings, together with the feasible propositions advanced by the Comrades, warrants me in the belief that in the point of activity and initiative, this Camp will in a short time become an important factor in the work of the Department. I take this opportunity to thank Commander Sague, Adjutant Grisard, Officer of the Guard Sorg, and Comrade Harris, who did so much to make my visit a pleasant one."

Officers of the Camp are:

Commandér, John K. Sague, Poughkeepsie; Senior Vice Commander, John S. Wilson; Junior Vice Commander, Robert W. Andrews; Adjutant, Fred. D. Grisard, 122 Main street; Quartermaster, Frank G. Bunnell; Officer of the Day, William L. Burnett; Officer of the Guard, John A. Sorg; Chaplain, Homer L. Coxhead; Trustees, John K. Sague, Frank J. Hunter, J. Wilson Poucher.

The Department Commander desires to express his thanks to Comrade Oates for his work as Mustering Officer, and to those Comrades who assisted in making the organization of this new Camp a complete success.

E. M. Hoffman Camp.

VII. On Monday evening, April 10, 1905, at the Armory of the 30th Separate Co., N. G., N. Y., at Elmira, N. Y., the Department Commander presided at the ceremonies incident to the muster-in of the E. M. Hoffman Camp No. 40.

Following the muster-in ceremonies, officers were installed into their respective stations, and given all necessary information pertaining to official duties. These are the officers of the Camp:

Commander, W. H. Halliday; Senior Vice Commander, W. S. Walker; Junior Vice Commander, F. J. Jones; Chaplain, Dr. Reeve B. Howland; Adjutant, H. C. Millspaugh; Quartermaster, F. H. Farr; Officer of the Day, A. F. Hager; Officer of the Guard, B. E. Sweet; Trustees, Thurber A. Brown, George C. Hart and J. E. Fraser.

The Camp begins its official life with a splendid prospect. The field to work upon is a large one and there is every reason to hope that within a reasonable time this Camp will be one of the best posted and most enthusiastic of the Camps in the Department of New York. The officers have proceeded about their duties in a business-like way, and the members of the Camp are enthusiastic.

The Department Commander also desires to express his thanks for the hospitable courtesy shown by the members of the Camp on the occasion of his visit to Elmira.

Another Camp Reorganized.

VIII. It is a pleasure to note that through the activities of Comrade Peter J. Krug, the Comrades who formed the Cyrus Kay Command of Herkimer, N. Y., have reorganized and will hereafter be known as the Col. J. W. Vrooman Camp. The charter list is composed of active Comrades, and the Camp will undoubtedly prove a credit to the organization.

Death of Comrades of L. Boardman Smith Camp.

IX. The Comrades of L. Boardman Smith Camp No. 25 have been called upon to mourn the death of two Comrades. C. A. Ringland, who was a charter member of the Camp, was given a military funeral by the members of the Second Separate Division,

Naval Militia. The funeral was attended by many members of L. Boardman Smith Camp, who sent handsome floral decorations and otherwise testified to their esteem in which they held their Comrade. Comrade P. D. Flynn, also a charter member, died in Prescott, Arizona, where he had gone for the benefit of his health. The loss of these Comrades is sincerely mourned by their brothers in this Camp, and by other Comrades throughout the Department, and the heartfelt sympathy of Department officers and other Camps, is extended.

By order,

C. A. SIMMONS,

Official:

Department Commander.

E. A. BURKHARDT, *Department Adjutant,*

State Armory, Rochester, N. Y.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK,
UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., *July 22, 1905.*

General Orders No. 8.

I. The Second Annual Encampment of the Department of New York, United Spanish War Veterans, is ordered to be held at Niagara Falls, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, August 21st, 22d and 23d, 1905.

The membership (article 6, section 2, Rules and Regulations) is composed of the Department officers, including the Department Council of Administration, Past Department Commanders, Present and Past Camp Commanders, and the duly elected delegates, all of whom shall be in good standing in their respective Camps.

Attention is directed to article 7, section 14, Rules and Regulations: "Each Camp shall annually elect from its members one delegate for every fifty members or a major fraction thereof, and a like number of alternates, to the Department Encampment, in the manner prescribed for the election of officers, provided that each Camp shall be entitled to at least one delegate."

"Major fraction," of course, refers to 26 or more.

Blank credential certificates (blue in color) have been forwarded to the Commander of each Camp, in order to insure their prompt delivery. These will be filled out in duplicate, and one copy at once forwarded to Charles Leimbach, Department Quartermaster, No. 40 Cumberland street, Brooklyn, N. Y., in order that the number of delegates elected may be compared with the books of the Quartermaster to give legal representation to each Camp. The other certificate should be handed to the credential committee at the convention hall on Monday morning, August 21st.

The delegates' credentials (pink in color) and the alternate delegates' credentials (yellow in color) should be given the delegates and alternates and presented by them to the Committee on Credentials on Monday morning, August 21st.

It is not the intention or desire of Department officers to restrict attendance at this Encampment; rather, it is the hope of all concerned that it will be a very largely attended gathering, at which harmony will prevail, and helpful suggestions presented, looking to continued growth and prosperity. For this purpose it is advocated that —

Each Camp Commander do his utmost to insure a large attendance from his Camp;

Each Comrade be ready to present, in written form, suggestions for the welfare and growth of the Order;

Each Camp be ready to present, through some one delegate, a brief digest of the work which has contributed to Camp success in the past, or a statement of what obstacles are met in the upbuilding of the Camps, in order that this mutual interchange of opinion may result in general good to all Camps;

Each Comrade wear his uniform;

Each Camp Commander, to whose Camp there is not now attached a ladies' auxiliary, make inquiries at once to see what sentiment prevails concerning the formation of such an auxiliary to the Camp, and consult with the ladies' auxiliary officers at Niagara Falls, thus placing them in touch with fields which are favorable to the organization of auxiliaries, which in many instances have proven of great benefit to Camps to which they are attached.

Rates to the Encampment.

II. The Trunk Line Association has granted application made for a special rate to the Department Encampment. This reduction is to the regular Trunk line rate of fare and one-third on certificate, conditional on there being an attendance of not less than 100 persons. Full fare ticket should be obtained from the home station to Niagara Falls. When this full fare ticket is purchased of the agent, Trunk Line certificate on account of the United Spanish War Veterans Encampment should be asked for. This certificate must be turned over to E. A. Burkhardt, Adjutant, or Charles Leimbach, Quartermaster, as soon as the Encampment convenes Monday morning, August 21st. The agent of the Trunk Line Association will be on hand Tuesday, August 22d, to vise each certificate.

Delegates should not neglect to obtain this certificate when purchasing ticket to Niagara Falls.

The presentation of this certificate at the station when purchasing return trip to home station, will entitle holder to a rate of one-third.

Comrades should be careful not to allow any return tickets procured through Trunk Line certificates to pass into the hands of scalpers. In order to obtain this reduced rate, it was necessary for the Department Commander to give a guarantee to redeem, at full fares, any return tickets discovered in the hands of such persons.

Concession to Navy Yard Employees.

III. In response to an application which was made to the Secretary of the Navy, the following reply has been received:

"In compliance with the request contained in your letter of June 24th, directions have been given to the Commandant of the New York Navy Yard to grant leave to employees who are members of the organization and who desire to attend the Encampment of the Spanish War Veterans at Niagara Falls, N. Y., August 21st, 22d and 23d. The provisions of the act of February 1, 1901, will determine in each individual case whether the leave shall be with pay or without pay."

Court of Inquiry Ordered.

IV. Charges have been preferred against Junior Vice-Commander Charles Bormann of Joseph S. Decker Camp No. 20, and a court for the hearing of these charges has been appointed, consisting of Commander William F. Morian of Admiral Schley Naval Squadron No. 16, as President; Comrade Maurice Simmons of Old Guard Camp No. 19, as Judge Advocate; Commander Matthew Johnson of Reilly Camp No. 34; Commander Thomas F. A. Burns of Gloucester Naval Camp No. 5; Commander John F. Schlechter of Capron Camp No. 22.

Pursuant to power vested in me by article 9, section 8, Rules and Regulations, U. S. W. V., I hereby suspend Charles Bormann from office as Junior Vice-Commander of Joseph S. Decker Camp No. 20, until the report of this court is rendered to Headquarters, and further action announced.

Col. Walter Scott Camp.

V. Comrade F. O. Seymour of the Department Council of Administration, who was detailed for the muster in and installation of officers of the Col. Walter Scott Camp of Oneonta, has made a full report of the proceedings. The ceremonies took place on Friday evening, April 28, 1905.

Following the muster-in ceremonies, officers of the Camp were installed into their respective stations and given necessary information pertaining to official duties. The Mustering Officer in his official statement says:

"The Camp started in very good circumstances, and I know it will make one of the best Camps, for a small city, in the Department of New York."

Officers of the Camp are: Commander Sherman J. Stone; Senior Vice-Commander Clarence J. Thorne; Junior Vice-Commander Albert B. Webster; Chaplain Everitt D. Miner; Adjutant Frank L. Olin; Quartermaster Claude L. Hotaling; Officer of the Day Warren K. Brink; Officer of the Guard Frank E. Neal; Trustee Col. Walter Scott, Fred W. Boardman, F. M. H. Jackson.

The Department Commander desires to express his thanks to Comrade Seymour for his work as Mustering Officer, and to those comrades who assisted in making the installation of this new Camp a complete success.

Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp.

VI. Comrade F. C. Kuehnle, who was detailed for the muster in and installation of officers of Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46, has made a full report of the proceedings. The ceremonies took place on Saturday evening, May 27th, at the Headquarters of the Camp, O'Connor's Hall, Third avenue and Forty-eighth street, New York City.

Following the muster-in ceremonies, officers of the Camp were installed into their respective stations and given necessary information pertaining to official duties. The Mustering Officer in his official statement says:

"The outlook for this Camp is very bright as they have both a good class of men and very efficient officers. I took occasion to impress them with the importance of attending the Department Encampment, and they received the suggestions very enthusiastically. I am indebted to Department Quartermaster Charles Leimbach and Commander Samuel McCoy of Theodore Roosevelt Camp, for their very efficient assistance on the occasion of the muster in of the Camp, and was pleased to find among the visiting Comrades Past Commander Oates of Decker Camp, and Past Commander Simmons of Old Guard Camp, both of whom made very timely remarks to the new Camp."

Officers of the Camp are:

Commander Herbert W. Smith, 148 Cypress Ave., Flushing, L. I.; Senior Vice-Commander John R. Blake; Junior Vice-Commander Charles Edwards; Chaplain Peter Schwartz; Adjutant Joseph A. Holahan, 1 Wilson Ave., Flushing L. I.; Quartermaster Wm. S. Styles; Officer of the Day Thomas J. Quinn; Officer of the Guard Arnold E. Stern; Trustees Albert B. Davis, Benjamin H. Small, Abe S. Goldstein.

The Department Commander desires to express his thanks to Comrade Kuehnle for his efficient work as Mustering Officer, and to those comrades who assisted in making the installation of this new Camp a complete success.

Two Camps Delinquent.

VII. Although a considerable correspondence has been carried on to the end that the Comrades of Newell Rising Camp at Port Chester, N. Y., make application for a new charter, and thus perfect membership in the amalgamated body known as the United Spanish War Veterans, no success has attended efforts in this direction, and there are in the Camp only six members. It is necessary, therefore, to give notice to the Comrades of the Department of New York, that Newell Rising Camp is not a part of the Department of New York, U. S. W. V., and members of the organization will not be recognized officially by the United Spanish War Veterans. The Department Quartermaster is authorized to drop the name of this Camp from his records.

VIII. L. W. McLead, whose name was certified to these Headquarters as the Commander of the American Guard Camp, 71st Regiment, New York City, having paid no attention to official notices from these Headquarters, and as this Camp has not taken out a charter, has never sent its list of officers to these Headquarters, or given any record of the number of men in the Camp or other necessary information, the Department Quartermaster has been authorized to no longer recognize this Camp, or to endeavor to hold intercourse with it as a part of our organization.

Death of Comrade Halpine.

IX. Headquarters has been advised of the death of Comrade Charles C. Halpine, who was a member of Manhattan Camp, No. 1, New York City. Comrade Halpine was a corporal in the Fourth Battery, United States Volunteers, and known as a good soldier. The sympathies of Headquarters and Comrades throughout the Department of New York is extended to Manhattan Camp and the family of our late Comrade.

Memorial Day Parades.

X. It is the desire of the Department Commander to congratulate Camps in the various cities and towns where they actively participated in services incident to Memorial Day. Reports which have been received at these Headquarters are highly compliment-

ary for the enthusiastic, loyal and patriotic spirit which was accorded those who were in charge of the parades in the various places. Department Senior Vice-Commander Thomas F. Lynch rendered a favorable report, and Department Junior Vice-Commander Harry A. Ely in a report in which he takes occasion to compliment Department Quartermaster Charles Leimbach, who acted as his Chief of Staff for the parade in the City of Brooklyn, outlines the ovation which was given Comrade Theodore Roosevelt. It is a matter of regret that these reports cannot be given in full in General Orders. A growing interest which is manifested in the proper observance of this day, is sure to be observed by veterans of the Spanish war who are not now Comrades in the order and by outsiders, to the end that the order will be strengthened by having made many friends, and by adding eligible Comrades to its ranks. Camp Commanders are to be complimented for the energy displayed in getting out large numbers of Comrades, in many instances uniformed.

By order,

C. A. SIMMONS,

Official: *Department Commander.*

E. A. BURKHARDT, *Department Adjutant,*

State Armory, Rochester, N. Y.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK,
UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., August 5, 1905.

General Orders No. 9.

I. Advices from Commander H. W. MacBean of Niagara Falls Camp No. 7, are to the effect that arrangements for the Department Encampment at Niagara Falls are practically completed. Headquarters will be at the Cataract-International. Meetings of the Encampment will be held in the auditorium of the Natural Food Company, while sessions of the auxiliary of the Department will be held in the parlors of the Cataract-International.

The delegates will be welcomed Monday morning by Mayor O. W. Cutler, and there will be business sessions during the forenoon, and in the afternoon. Among the entertainments Monday evening will be a moonlight ride on the upper Niagara river, with dancing and refreshments at the Bedell House.

The business session Tuesday morning will be followed by a visit in the afternoon to places of interest near Niagara Falls. In the evening there will be a smoker at the Cataract-International, at which there will be several attractions.

Badges are to be provided by the Niagara Falls Camp, and a souvenir programme will be issued.

This Encampment promises to be very successful, and an extra effort ought to be made to insure a large attendance. Delegates should come prepared to bring concisely to the attention of the Encampment any matters of business which ought to be discussed.

Rates for transportation and additional details were published in General Order No. 8.

Proxies not Allowed.

II. In G. O. 13, Series 1905, National Encampment, a ruling is clearly laid down that proxy representation cannot be permitted or proxies recognized in Department Encampments. Department Commanders are instructed to notify all Camps of this ruling, and the same is hereby formally promulgated to this Department.

Nominees for Department Commander's Staff.

III. In response to an invitation submitted to Camps, presenting an opportunity to name Comrades on the staff of the Department Commander, a number of active and influential Comrades have been named. While positions on this staff are largely honorary, it is the aim in naming this staff to assign an important work, viz., that each constitute himself a committee to co-operate with Camp Commanders and officers in insuring a large delegation from each Camp to the Department Encampment at Niagara Falls. If this duty is performed enthusiastically, great good will result to individual Camps. The following staff is announced:

Comrade Joseph Desch, Wm. H. Hubbell Camp No. 4, Brooklyn.

Comrade Darwin E. Vunk, Hon. Stephen Sanford Camp, No. 6, Amsterdam.

Comrade Frank Hoppman, Gen. Eugene Griffin Camp No. 11, Schenectady.

Comrade E. V. Sullivan, A. L. Kline Camp No. 12, Brooklyn.

Comrade Hamilton Ward, Jr., Col. S. Y. Seyburn Camp No. 13, Buffalo.

Comrade Henry E. Raabe, Admiral Schley Naval Squadron, No. 16, Brooklyn.

Comrade C. C. Williams, Admiral Philip Naval Camp No. 18, Brooklyn.

Comrade Daniel J. Murphy, Old Guard Camp No. 19, New York City.

Comrade Charles Turnblad, Lawton Camp No. 21, Brooklyn.

Comrade Arthur J. Olmstead, Capron Camp No. 22, Brooklyn.

Comrade James M. Jarvis, James M. Jarvis Camp No. 23, New York City.

Comrade Eric Simpson, Henry W. Hubbell Camp No. 24, New York City.

Comrade Martin F. McMillan, L. Boardman Smith Camp No. 25, Rochester.

Comrade Francis D. Culkin, Robert C. Anderson Camp No. 26, Oswego.

Comrade Bradford Jones, Wallace E. Randolph Camp No. 27, Yonkers.

Comrade Wm. B. Coates, Capt. Frank Rockwell Palmer Camp No. 28, Albany.

Comrade John A. Howard, Neptune Naval Camp No. 30, Brooklyn.

Comrade Wm. J. Lawson, Emerson H. Liscum Camp No. 33, Utica.

Comrade John P. Gomph, Oscar Ross Wheeler Camp No. 35, Utica.

Comrade Robert J. Daly, Defendamp Camp No. 36, New York City.

Comrade George W. Sawyer, Norman W. Crosby Camp No. 37, New Rochelle.

Comrade L. D. LaForge, G. D. Russell Camp, New York City.

Comrade C. Frank Bruso, Bruso-Chauncey Camp, Buffalo.

Comrade Frank Keck, Major Frank Keck Camp No. 53, New York City.

Comrade John T. Sadler, E. M. Hoffman Camp No. 40, Elmira.

Comrade Charles Leimbach, Admiral Sampson Camp No. 48, Brooklyn.

Formation of Auxiliaries.

IV. Enclosed with each copy of this General Order, sent to Camp Commanders, is a circular issued by the President-General of the National Auxiliary, Mrs. Isabelle Alexander of Cleveland, Ohio. The attention of Camp Commanders and the Comrades of Camps is respectfully directed to the importance of forming auxiliaries in connection with Camps in this Department. Their existence has been of material benefit to many Camps, and the opportunity is taken of sending these circulars in order that delegates from the various Camps to the Department Encampment may have an opportunity of discussing the situation prior to leaving their homes, and be ready to consult with Mrs. Alexander at the Department Encampment, and with Mrs. William B. Young, who is the President of the Auxiliaries in the Department. These ladies will be most willing to co-operate, and Camp officers ought to be willing to give them their best assistance in promoting the growth of this very important branch of our organization.

Admiral Sampson Camp No. 48.

V. Department Quartermaster Charles Leimbach, who was detailed for the muster-in and installation of officers of Admiral Sampson Camp, has made a full report. The ceremonies took place June 6, 1905.

Officers of the Camp installed and given necessary information pertaining to their duties, were:

Commander E. W. Larkin, 3 Coenties Slip, New York City; Senior Vice-Commander Herbert W. Doggrell, Junior Vice-Commander, Harry Mitchell, Adjutant Richard Schnittke, 113 Ellery street, Brooklyn; Quartermaster Charles Leimbach, Officer of the Day Samuel Feltman, Officer of the Guard Fred M. Hauschild, Chaplain Alphonse Gaston, Trustees, Lewis Siqueland, Charles Johnson, David F. Ross.

The Adjutant and Quartermaster were duly installed by Past Commander John T. Oates, member of the National and Department Councils of Administration.

The Mustering Officer in his official statement says:

“Every officer was properly instructed in the new work of our order. I cannot fail to report to you that Past Commander John T. Oates ably assisted me as Master of Ceremonies, and I desire to thank him through you. The Camp was closed in due form, after which refreshments were served. The proper Camp supplies have been procured, and the Camp is now ready for business as a member of our noble order. Good returns may be expected of this Camp.”

The Department Commander expresses his thanks to Comrade Leimbach for his work as Mustering Officer, and to those Comrades who assisted in making the organization of this Camp a complete success.

Naval Camp No. 49.

VI. Department Quartermaster Leimbach, who was detailed for the muster-in and installation of officers of Naval Camp No. 49, has made a report of the proceedings. The ceremonies took place June 29th, at 319 Atlantic avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Following the muster-in ceremonies, officers of the Camp were installed into their respective stations and given necessary informa-

tion pertaining to official duties. The Mustering Officer in his official statement says:

"I must not fail to mention the following Comrades who ably assisted in the ceremonies: Past Commander and Member of the Council of Administration, John T. Oates of Decker Camp, as Master of Ceremonies; Commander Thomas F. A. Burns of Gloucester Camp, as Commander; Commander Matthew Johnson of Reilly Camp, as Senior Vice-Commander; Senior Vice-Commander Herbert W. Doggrell of Admiral Sampson Camp, as Junior Vice-Commander; Chaplain Alphonse Gaston of Admiral Sampson Camp, as Chaplain; Adjutant Richard Schnittke of Admiral Sampson Camp, as Adjutant; Officer of the Day John J. Gogerty of Gloucester Naval Camp, as Quartermaster; Officer of the Day Samuel Feltman of Admiral Sampson Camp, as Officer of the Day; Officer of the Guard F. M. Hauschild of Admiral Sampson Camp, as Officer of the Guard. I believe Naval Camp No. 49 promises to become a good healthy Camp, such as will be an honor to our noble order."

Officers of the Camp are:

Commander Lars J. Pettersen, 572 Third avenue, Brooklyn; Senior Vice-Commander, Frederik M. Jacobson; Junior Vice-Commander, Oskar Hofstrand; Chaplain Hans L. Mortenson; Adjutant John Carslund, 2823 Atlantic avenue, Brooklyn; Quartermaster, William Hansen; Officer of the Day, Ole B. Mortenson; Officer of the Guard, John Larsson; Trustees, Philip Roberg, H. P. Hogelund, Herman Johnson.

The Department Commander expresses his thanks to the Department Quartermaster for his work as Mustering Officer, and to those Comrades who assisted in making the installation of this Camp a complete success.

Camps Inactive.

VII. There has been a lack of activity on the part of the Lieutenant Thomas Wansboro Camp of Albany. A considerable correspondence has been carried on with Comrade Dreis and other Comrades of the city of Albany with a view to securing a condition of activity in this Camp, but without results. Department per capita tax levies have been unheeded, orders from Department

Headquarters neglected, and the Camp membership scattered. It is inadvisable to allow inactive Camps to give us an assumed strength upon which we cannot rely for work or assistance. The same conditions prevail with regard to the following so-called Camps: John V. Searles of Flushing; Saratoga Springs of Saratoga Springs; Van Gaasbeck of Kingston; C. G. Thing of Olean; Hoosick of Hoosick Falls; Burton W. Beardsley of Walton. The Quartermaster will strike these names from his list, and Camp Commanders throughout the Department are cautioned against receiving into their meetings any members of these Camps by transfer card or countersign.

Attention to Official Communications.

VIII. It is necessary to direct attention of Camps throughout the Department to the laxity which exists in compliance with requests from Headquarters for information pertaining to the welfare of the order. The semi-annual returns due January 1st were hardly complete when the time came to send out requests for the semi-annual returns due June 30th, and although repeated communications have been sent to several Camps, all of the returns are not in.

Other Camps have been negligent concerning the per capita tax duly levied by the Council of Administration; in many instances it has taken more than a month to get a reply from certain Camps to communications personally sent by the Department Commander. The term of office of the present Department Commander is very near its close, and it is not a personal matter to which the attention of the Comrades is now directed, but in the interests of the entire organization. It is necessary to caution Camp Commanders that in the appointment of Adjutants they should select such men as are willing and able to perform their duties, and also to call the attention of Camps to the fact that they should require strict attention to business on the part of Commanders and other Camp officers. Camps isolated from Department Headquarters must necessarily feel the effects of such isolation. Lethargy should not be tolerated.

In the Case of H. B. Grant.

IX. Upon the recommendation of Department Junior Vice-Commander Harry A. Ely, President of a court which held hearings in the matter of charges preferred against H. B. Grant, who was a member of Griffin Engineers Command No. 68, S. W. V., it is hereby ordered:

That the name of H. B. Grant be stricken from the roster of Griffin Engineers Camp No. 31, U. S. W. V., for the reason that he was never a member, having resigned before this Camp became a member by consolidation with the United Spanish War Veterans.

Uniforms.

X. At the last National Encampment, in St. Louis, delegates representing all portions of the country discussed the subject of whether the U. S. W. V. should continue as a uniform the blue pleated blouse and gray trousers with dark blue stripes. It was the unanimous sense of the Encampment that this symbolic uniform of the North and South, as emphasized by the colors, was most appropriate, and it seems that the uniform as now recognized should continue to be the uniform of the U. S. W. V. It is, therefore, urged upon all Comrades who have delayed in this matter until they were certain of the permanent adoption of style, that they at once procure uniforms, and Commanders will urgently impress upon Comrades the importance of securing uniforms and of wearing them to Camp meetings. Not only will this lend dignity to meetings, but it will aid materially in placing our organization upon a stronger basis. It is suggested that a committee on uniforms be appointed in each Camp to make arrangements with some tailoring house for the manufacture of uniforms at the lowest possible rate, thus insuring good work, uniformity of make, and this will undoubtedly produce satisfaction.

Bonds of Quartermasters.

XI. It seems wise to call the attention of Comrades of all Camps to section 9, article 7, of the Rules and Regulations, which distinctly states that Quartermasters shall give security for the faithful discharge of their duties in the sum of not less than \$200, to be approved by the Commander, and to be increased from time to

time to the extent of double the amount of funds or property under control. The Quartermaster shall have control of the Camp funds under this bond, and Camps are urged to see that the express provisions of this section of the Regulations are carried out.

Death of Comrade Parks.

XII. Department Headquarters has been advised of the death June 7, 1905, of Comrade Edwin J. Parks, Officer of the Guard and charter member of Defendamp Camp No. 36, New York City, due to apoplexy. He was First Lieutenant, commanding Company "G," 22d Engineers, N. G., N. Y. He was mustered into the United States service as First Sergeant in the 22d New York Volunteers, and was commissioned Second Lieutenant August 24, 1898. He was mustered out with his company November 23, 1898, at Fort Slocum, New York Harbor. He was accorded a military funeral by his company of the National Guard, and by the Comrades of Defendamp Camp. The sympathy of the Department is extended to the members of Defendamp Camp and the family of our deceased Comrade.

Death of Comrade Otto.

XIII. Headquarters has been advised of the death of Comrade Adolph Otto, of Winfield S. Overton, Jr., Camp No. 29, White-stone, N. Y. Comrade Otto served as a Corporal in the 26th U. S. V. I., receiving a disability discharge due to sickness contracted in the Philippines. He was accorded the honors of a military funeral by the Comrades of his Camp. He was active and enthusiastic in the discharge of his duties, and the sympathy of the Department is extended to the members of Winfield S. Overton, Jr., Camp and the family of our deceased Comrade.

Death of Comrade Sawyer.

XIV. Headquarters has been advised of the death of Edwin J. Sawyer, of L. Boardman Smith Camp No. 25, Rochester, N. Y. Commander F. S. Couchman and the officers of L. Boardman Smith Camp conducted ritualistic services at the grave. National Guard companies furnished a ring squad, and members of L. Boardman

Smith Camp and the Railroad Men's Association acted as pallbearers. The sympathy of the Department is extended to the members of L. Boardman Smith Camp and the family of our deceased Comrade.

By order,

C. A. SIMMONS,

Official:

Department Commander.

E. A. BURKHARDT, *Department Adjutant,*

State Armory, Rochester, N. Y.

Fraternally,

(Signed) E. A. BURKHARDT,

Department Adjutant, U. S. W. V.

By COMRADE JOHN T. RYAN:

"I move that the report of the Department Adjutant be referred to the committee to which the report of the Department Commander has been referred, that the committee be known as the 'Committee on the State of the Organization,' report to be made, after the report of the Committee on Credentials."

Motion carried.

Report of Department Quartermaster Charles Leimbach.

COMRADES: I have the honor to respectfully submit to you the following report for the period beginning August 17, 1904, to August 21, 1905, inclusive, as provided for in article 6, section 8, of the Rules and Regulations of the United Spanish War Veterans.

The financial resources of the Department are known as the General Fund, which is obtained through the Department Council of Administration by levying a regular per capita tax upon the several Camps in this Department.

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Money Received.

Aug.	17.	Balance on hand.....	\$143 66
	30.	J. M. Jarvis Camp, No. 126.....	4 40
Oct.	11.	Capron Camp, No. 22.....	4 40
	26.	L. T. Fetzner.....	5 00
Nov.	7.	W. F. Randolph Camp, No. 27.....	7 50
Dec.	8.	Neptune Naval Camp, No. 30.....	7 55
		Old Guard Camp No. 19.....	5 15
	10.	L. Boardman Smith Camp, No. 53.....	12 90
	29.	J. S. Decker Camp, No. 20.....	2 55

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Jan.	3.	Bruso Chauncey Camp, No. 41.....	\$3 50
	9.	Griffin Engineers, Camp No. 31.....	5 00
	11.	W. R. Carmer Camp, No. 8.....	1 25
	13.	Lawton Camp, No. 21.....	4 00
		Admiral Schley, Squadron No. 16.....	2 65
	16.	Niagara Falls Camp, No. 7.....	2 65
		Niagara Falls Camp, No. 7.....	2 75
	20.	Niagara Falls Camp, No. 7.....	5 50
	25.	Guy V. Henry Camp, No. 38.....	7 50
		Guy V. Henry Camp, No. 38.....	11 55
Feb.	30.	W. H. Hubbell Camp, No. 4.....	6 20
	6.	N. W. Crosby Camp, No. 37.....	10 50
	7.	W. A. Wilson Camp, No. 9.....	11 50
	9.	J. M. Jarvis Camp, No. 23.....	13 20
	10.	W. S. Overton, Jr. Camp, No. 29.....	3 10
	11.	Capron Camp, No. 22.....	6 00
		O. R. Wheeler Camp, No. 35.....	4 00
		L. Boardman Smith Camp, No. 25.....	16 35
		L. Boardman Smith Camp, No. 25.....	49 05
	15.	J. M. Jarvis Camp, No. 23.....	13 20
	17.	Capt. Frank Rockwell Palmer Camp, No. 28.....	14 10
		A. C. Weller Camp, No. 32.....	3 50
	21.	Bruso Chauncey Camp, No. 41.....	2 10
		Emerson H. Liscum Camp, No. 14.....	7 60
	23.	Gloucester Naval Camp, No. 5.....	5 90
March	24.	Baron Steuben Camp, No. 47.....	4 80
		Col. H. W. Hubbell Camp, No. 24.....	3 30
	27.	Col. S. Y. Seyburn Camp, No. 13.....	3 30
	2.	Auburn Camp, No. 39.....	11 25
		Old Guard Camp, No. 19.....	16 65
	5.	G. D. Russell Camp, No. 43.....	10 00
	11.	R. C. Anderson Camp, No. 26.....	4 50
	22.	W. F. Randolph Camp, No. 27.....	4 95
April	25.	Admiral Schley Naval Squadron, No. 16.....	8 70
	27.	Hon. Stephen Sanford Camp, No. 6.....	5 40
	7.	Defendam Camp, No. 36.....	1 80
	8.	Bucky O'Neil Camp, No. 15.....	6 00
	10.	Admiral Philip Camp, No. 18.....	10 50
	11.	Col. S. Y. Seyburn Camp, No. 13.....	7 40
	12.	A. L. Kline Camp, No. 12.....	14 00
	15.	Col. S. Y. Seyburn Camp, No. 13.....	2 50
	17.	W. H. Hubbell Camp, No. 4.....	10 00
		Gen. Eugene Griffin Camp, No. 11.....	7 40
May	19.	Emerson H. Liscum Camp, No. 14.....	11 40
	21.	E. H. Liscum Camp, No. 33.....	6 00
		J. S. Decker Camp, No. 20.....	4 80
	27.	W. S. Overton, Jr. Camp, No. 29.....	4 65
	1.	W. H. Hubbell Camp, No. 4.....	5 00

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May	2.	T. H. Barber Camp, No. 3..... \$8 40
	6.	Col. Walter Scott Camp, No. 42..... 2 33
	10.	Griffin Engineers Camp, No. 31..... 9 45
	15.	Gen. Eugene Griffin Camp, No. 11..... 11 10
	16.	Capt. Frank Rockwell Palmer Camp, No. 28..... 21 15
	17.	Manhattan Camp, No. 1..... 20 60
		Maj.-Gen. R. P. Hughes Camp, No. 17..... 4 60
		O. R. Wheeler Camp, No. 35..... 6 00
	19.	Theodore Roosevelt Camp, No. 10..... 12 00
		H. J. Reilly Camp, No. 34..... 7 65
	22.	W. R. Carmer Camp, No. 8..... 3 60
	23.	Lawton Camp, No. 21..... 12 75
		S. M. Porter Camp, No. 45..... 7 95
	27.	Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp, No. 46..... 3 75
June	31.	Gen. Guy V. Henry Camp, No. 38..... 4 00
	5.	Hon. Stephen Sanford Camp, No. 6..... 7 95
	13.	Admiral Sampson Camp, No. 48..... 90
	14.	Medina Camp, No. 50..... 6 00
	17.	Hoosick Camp 5 25
		Gloucester Naval Camp, No. 5..... 17 70
	29.	E. H. Liscum, No. 33..... 10 05
		Naval Camp, No. 49..... 1 41
		Naval Camp, No. 49..... 95
	30.	Major John K. Sague Camp, No. 44..... 3 03
July	1.	E. M. Hoffman Camp, No. 40..... 1 80
		R. C. Anderson Camp, No. 26..... 2 50
		Admiral Sampson Camp, No. 48..... 70
	5.	Medina Camp, No. 50..... 1 20
		Emerson H. Liscum Camp, No. 14..... 3 80
	6.	G. D. Russell Camp, No. 43..... 2 65
	7.	L. Boardman Smith Camp, No. 25..... 18 00
		Bucky O'Neil Camp, No. 15..... 1 50
	8.	Col. H. W. Hubbell Camp, No. 24..... 2 10
		Griffin Engineers Camp, No. 31..... 2 55
	10.	Capron Camp, No. 22..... 2 00
	12.	W. S. Overton, Jr. Camp, No. 29..... 1 50
		O. R. Wheeler Camp, No. 35..... 2 00
	14.	Col. Walter Scott Camp, No. 42..... 1 85
		E. M. Hoffman Camp, No. 40..... 1 20
		Gen. F. V. Greene Camp, No. 54..... 2 25
		Gen. F. V. Greene Camp, No. 54..... 1 50
	17.	Major John K. Sague Camp, No. 44..... 3 35
		Bruso Chauncey Camp, No. 41..... 70
	19.	Auburn Camp, No. 39..... 2 25
	21.	Niagara Falls Camp, No. 7..... 2 00
	22.	Admiral Schley Naval Squadron, No. 16..... 5 40
		Col. S. Y. Seyburn Camp, No. 13..... 3 85
	25.	Maj.-Gen. R. P. Hughes Camp, No. 17..... 1 40

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July	25.	Defendam Camp, No. 36.....	\$1 95
		Col. J. W. Vrooman Camp, No. 51.....	1 60
		M. D. Russell Camp, No. 2.....	9 00
	27.	A. C. Weller Camp, No. 32.....	5 25
	28.	Gen. Eugene Griffin Camp, No. 11.....	3 85
Aug.		Lawton Camp, No. 21.....	5 50
	29.	S. M. Porter Camp, No. 45.....	11 40
	31.	Manhattan Camp, No. 1.....	30 90
	1.	W. R. Carmer Camp No. 8.....	1 05
		W. H. Hubbell Camp No. 4.....	17 60
		E. H. Liscum Camp No. 33.....	3 85
	2.	Admiral Philip Camp No. 18.....	3 60
		W. A. Wilson Camp No. 9.....	2 45
		Capt. Frank Rockwell Palmer Camp No. 28.....	7 55
	3.	Hon. Stephen Sanford Camp No. 6.....	2 60
	4.	M. D. Russell Camp, No. 2.....	6 00
	9.	Gloucester Naval Camp No. 5.....	6 30
		Neptune Naval Camp No. 30.....	22 05
		Neptune Naval Camp No. 30.....	7 35
		N. W. Crosby Camp No. 37.....	1 75
	10.	W. F. Randolph Camp No. 27.....	1 85
	14.	M. D. Russell Camp No. 2.....	3 00
	15.	Theodore Roosevelt Camp No. 10.....	4 30
		T. H. Barber Camp No. 3.....	2 10
		Franklin C. Warner Camp No. 52.....	1 25
		Old Guard Camp No. 19.....	5 50
		Old Guard Camp No. 19.....	5 50
		Old Guard Camp No. 19.....	5 50
	16.	J. S. Decker Camp No. 20.....	1 60
		Manhattan Camp No. 1	13 80
		J. M. Jarvis Camp No. 23.....	4 40
		J. M. Jarvis Camp No. 23.....	4 40
		J. M. Jarvis Camp No. 23.....	4 40
	17.	Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46.....	2 50
	18.	Major Frank Keck Camp No. 53.....	1 00
	19.	Old Guard Camp No. 19.....	1 00
	✱	H. J. Reilly Camp No. 34.....	2 75
		A. L. Kline Camp No. 12.....	3 80

Total \$1,046 33

Disbursements as per Authorized Vouchers.

The Wetherill Tablet Fund has been returned to the original donors as per Department Encampment resolution August 15, 16, 1904.

1904.			
Aug.	26.	Voucher No. 1 (on account)	\$35 00
Oct.	26.	Voucher No. 1 (balance)	5 00
Nov.	1.	Voucher No. 2	36 75
	7.	Voucher No. 3	12 44
	4.	Voucher No. 4 (on account)	61 70
Dec.	12.	Voucher No. 4 (balance)	20 00
Nov.	29.	Voucher No. 5	10 00
1905.			
Jan.	11.	Voucher No. 6	11 50
	26.	Voucher No. 7 (on account)	32 90
Feb.	11.	Voucher No. 7 (on account)	30 00
	14.	Voucher No. 7 (balance)	30 00
	15.	Voucher No. 9 (on account)	21 20
	19.	Voucher No. 8	61 95
	25.	Voucher No. 10 (on account)	26 19
March	4.	Voucher No. 11	10 00
	8.	Voucher No. 9 (on account)	30 00
	21.	Voucher No. 12	10 75
	30.	Voucher No. 10 (on account)	30 00
April	18.	Voucher No. 9 (balance)	50 00
May	10.	Voucher No. 10 (on account)	50 00
	18.	Voucher No. 14	16 25
	20.	Voucher No. 10 (on account)	50 00
	24.	Voucher No. 13 (on account)	32 50
June	21.	Voucher No. 10 (balance)	50 00
July	7.	Voucher No. 15	16 25
	10.	Voucher No. 13 (balance)	50 00
	26.	Voucher No. 16	24 00
Aug.	1.	Voucher No. 17	11 55
	2.	Voucher No. 18	6 00
	3.	Voucher No. 19	38 04
	5.	Voucher No. 20	15 00
	10.	Voucher No. 21	40 10
	21.	Voucher No. 22	29 75
	22.	Voucher No. 23	15 30
Total Disbursements			\$970 12
Grand Total Receipts			\$1,046 33
Grand Total Disbursements			970 12
Grand Total Cash Balance on Hand.			\$76 21

Cash receipts and disbursements have been examined by the Council of Administration and approved, as attested by these signatures:

(Signed) JOHN T. OATES,
 (Signed) WM. F. MORGAN,
 (Signed) WILLIAM C. WILD,
 (Signed) FRANK O. SEYMOUR,
 (Signed) BERNARD J. FAGAN,
 (Signed) WILLIAM F. FOIST,
 (Signed) A. J. KENNEDY,
 (Signed) C. A. SIMMONS.

The following Camps have complied with General Order No. 4, sections 1-5, issued at Department Headquarters February 7, 1905, relating to the payment of the Department per capita tax, and are therefore legally entitled to be represented at this Encampment by their duly elected delegates, according to section 14, article 7, of the Rules and Regulations which provides one delegate for every fifty members or major fraction thereof.

In addition to the foregoing number of delegates, section 2, of article 6, provides that all present and past Camp Commanders past Department Commanders, and all Department Officers are members of this Encampment.

No.	Camp.	Comrades.	Delegates.
1.	Manhattan	276	6
2.	Marcus D. Russell	60	1
3.	Thomas H. Barber	42	1
4.	William H. Hubbell	352	7
5.	Gloucester Naval	126	3
6.	Hon. Stephen Sanford	50	1
7.	Niagara Falls	64	1
8.	William R. Carmer	21	1
9.	Warren A. Wilson	49	1
10.	Theodore Roosevelt	86	2
11.	Eugene Griffin	77	2
12.	A. L. Kline	76	2
13.	Col. S. Y. Seyburn	77	2
14.	Emerson H. Liscum	76	2
15.	Bucky O'Neil	30	1
16.	Admiral Schley	108	2
17.	Maj.-Gen. Robert P. Hughes	28	1
18.	Admiral Philip	72	1

No.	Camp.	Comrades.	Delegates.
19.	Old Guard	130	3
20.	Joseph S. Decker	32	1
21.	Lawton	110	2
22.	Capron	40	1
23.	James M. Jarvis	88	2
24.	Col. Henry W. Hubbell	42	1
25.	L. Boardman Smith	361	7
26.	Robert C. Anderson	50	1
27.	Wallace F. Randolph	37	1
28.	Capt. Frank Rockwell Palmer	151	3
29.	Winfield S. Overton, Jr.	30	1
30.	Neptune Naval	147	3
31.	Griffin Engineers	51	1
32.	Alfred C. Weller	35	1
33.	E. H. Liscum	77	2
34.	H. J. Reilly	55	1
35.	Oscar Ross Wheeler	40	1
36.	Defendam	39	1
37.	Norman W. Crosby	35	1
38.	Gen. Guy V. Henry	80	2
39.	Auburn	45	1
40.	E. M. Hoffman	24	1
41.	Bruso Chauncey	14	1
42.	Col. Walter Scott	37	1
43.	G. D. Russell	53	1
44.	Major John K. Sague	67	1
45.	Samuel M. Porter	57	1
46.	Sergeant Hamilton Fish	50	1
47.	Baron Steuben	24	1
48.	Admiral Sampson	14	1
49.	Naval	19	1
50.	Medina	24	1
51.	Col. J. W. Vrooman	30	1
52.	Franklin C. Warner	25	1
53.	Major Frank Keek	30	1
54.	Gen. F. V. Greene	30	1
Total		3,843	89

General Order No. 7, issued at Department Headquarters July 3, 1905, gave notice in section 3 that the Department Council of Administration levied on each member in good standing of the various Camps, a Department per capita tax of five cents for the months of July, August and September, 1905.

The following Camps have promptly responded to the above

order, and have cheerfully complied with every financial obligation due to the Department.

I take pleasure in extending to these Camps my sincere thanks for the promptness they have shown in their payments of Department per capita tax, and earnestly recommend them to the Department Commander for his due consideration.

Camps are given here in the order in which their payments were received by the Department Quartermaster.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Camp.	No.	Camp.	No.
Gen. Guy V. Henry.....	38	Gen. Eugene Griffin.....	11
Naval	49	Lawton	21
Robert C. Anderson.....	26	Samuel M. Porter.....	45
Admiral Sampson	48	William R. Carmer.....	8
Medina	50	William H. Hubbell.....	4
Emerson H. Liscum.....	14	E. H. Liscum	33
G. D. Russell.....	43	Admiral Philip	18
L. Boardman Smith.....	25	Warren A. Wilson.....	9
Bucky O'Neil	15	Capt. Frank Rockwell Palmer...	28
Col. Henry W. Hubbell.....	24	Hon. Stephen Sanford.....	6
Griffin Engineers	31	Gloucester Naval	5
Capron	22	Neptune Naval	30
Winfield S. Overton, Jr.....	29	Norman W. Crosby.....	37
Oscar Ross Wheeler.....	35	Wallace F. Randolph.....	27
Col. Walter Scott	42	M. D. Russell.....	2
E. M. Hoffman.....	40	Theodore Roosevelt	10
Gen. F. V. Greene.....	54	Thomas H. Barber.....	3
Maj. John K. Sague.....	44	Franklin C. Warner.....	52
Bruso Chauncey	41	Old Guard	19
Auburn	39	Joseph S. Decker.....	20
Niagara Falls	7	Manhattan.	1
Admiral Schley	16	James M. Jarvis.....	23
Col. Stephen Y. Seyburn.....	13	Sergeant Hamilton Fish.....	46
Maj.-Gen. R. P. Hughes	17	Major Frank Keck	53
Defendam	36	H. J. Reilly.....	34
Col. J. W. Vrooman.....	51	A. L. Kline.....	12

CAMPS IN ARREARS FOR DEPARTMENT PER CAPITA TAX.

A. C. Weller Camp No. 32, July, August and September, 1905.
 Baron Steuben Camp No. 47, July, August and September, 1905.

Through general inattention to duty, failure to answer official correspondence, failure to pay their per capita tax (in some cases for years back), the Department Commander has directed the

Department Quartermaster to drop the following Camps from the rolls of the Department:

March 21.	G. Reed Wilson Camp.....	Batavia.
May 8.	F. C. Barlow Camp.....	New York City.
June 24.	Cyrus Kay Camp.....	Herkimer.
July 5.	Newell Rising Camp.....	Port Chester.
July 10.	American Guard Camp.....	New York City.
July 21.	W. R. Kirby Camp.....	Tonawanda.
July 28.	Wansboro Camp	Albany.
August 1.	John V. Searles Camp	Flushing.
August 1.	Saratoga Springs Camp	Saratoga Springs.
August 1.	Van Gaasbeck Camp.....	Kingston.
August 1.	C. G. Thing Camp.....	Olean.
August 1.	Burton M. Beardslee Camp.....	Walton.
August 1.	Hoosick Camp	Hoosick Falls.

Through the untiring efforts of the Department Commander and those Comrades who assisted him in the organization of new Camps, the Department Quartermaster is pleased to report that the following new Camps have been duly recorded upon the books in his office from August 17, 1904, to August 19, 1905:

- No. 24, Col. Henry W. Hubbell Camp, New York City.
- No. 26, Robert C. Anderson Camp, Oswego.
- No. 34, H. J. Reilly Camp, Brooklyn.
- No. 36, Defendam Camp, New York City.
- No. 40, E. M. Hoffman Camp, Elmira.
- No. 42, Col. Walter Scott Camp, Oneonta.
- No. 44, Major John K. Sague Camp, Poughkeepsie.
- No. 46, Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp, New York City.
- No. 48, Admiral Sampson Camp, Brooklyn.
- No. 49, Naval Camp, Brooklyn.
- No. 51, Col. J. W. Vrooman Camp, Herkimer.
- No. 52, Franklin C. Warner Camp, New York City.
- No. 53, Major Frank Keck Camp, New York City.
- No. 54, Gen. F. V. Greene Camp, Tonawanda.

In addition to the foregoing new camps, I may state that nearly all other Camps in this Department have been rechartered and renumbered upon the books of the Department Quartermaster.

The letter files in the Department Quartermaster's office show that there were received during the year 119 letters from the

Department Commander, and 322 letters from Camps and other sources, and that there were sent out from the Department Quartermaster's office 526 communications.

While the Department Quartermaster appreciates the fact that a good many Camps are fairly prompt in their correspondence, he also deeply deplores the fact that a good many Camps do not answer letters sent to them promptly, and, in some cases, not at all.

The Department Quartermaster recommends to the delegates present that they use their best endeavors in their respective Camps to have communications answered promptly.

It should be made a practice in all Camps to answer letters promptly, and to pay all per capita taxes as soon as levied, and announce the fact in general orders.

Let it be made a practice to look out for small things and the big things will look out for themselves.

No well-regulated Camp should hold back its taxes, as by doing so it deprives the Department administration of the working capital which is absolutely necessary in a young organization like ours.

The Department Quartermaster herewith extends to all Comrades his most sincere thanks, especially to those who helped him to make his office a pleasant one long to be remembered.

In conclusion I wish to thank the Department Commander for the trust and confidence placed in me by appointing me Department Quartermaster, and I respectfully request him to order the Department Council of Administration to audit the books and vouchers of my office.

(Signed) CHARLES LEIMBACH,

Department Quartermaster.

This report was approved by the Council of Administration, and a vote of thanks tendered Department Quartermaster Leimbach for the efficiency he had shown in conducting the affairs of his office.

Department Commander C. A. Simmons announced the following committees:

Committee on the State of the Organization: Comrades J. H. Grant, Samuel McCoy, J. F. Schlechter, James G. McMurray, Frank Hoppman.

Committee on Credentials: Charles Leimbach, W. F. Myers, A. J. Kennedy.

Committee on Finance: To consist of members of Council of Administration: W. F. Foist, F. O. Seymour, A. J. Kennedy, W. C. Wild, R. D. Higgins, W. F. Morgan, J. T. Oates, B. J. Fagan.

Committee on Appeals and Grievances: Hamilton Ward, Jr., W. F. Morian, J. E. Smith.

Committee on Legislation: Maurice Simmons, John T. Ryan, J. L. Whitley, W. J. S. Dineen, Frank Keck.

Report of Department Inspector W. Fenton Myers.

COMRADES: Having been elected and installed as Department Inspector of the Department of New York, at the Encampment held in the city of Albany, August last, I entered upon the discharge of my duties as such, and have the honor to submit the following report of the work performed during the year:

In assuming the office of Inspector, I did so realizing that it carried with it certain duties and responsibilities, viz.: That the office was created with the idea of having made annually an inspection of every Camp in the Department, with the view of informing the officers of the Department and the Comrades assembled each year of the true condition of the several Camps making up our State organization, and thereby having a better knowledge of the progress and influence of the organization. And further, that a visit in person by some Department official to each Camp should be of some material benefit to such Camp, in the way of correcting any errors in the work under our ritual, suggesting improvements in the system of keeping of records and filing reports, and of offering encouragement to the officers and members of such camps in the building up and strengthening of the same.

Realizing the inability of your Department Inspector to personally inspect each Camp, and with the view also of carrying on the work of this branch of the Department with as little expense as possible to the Department and the several Camps, after consultation with the Department Commander, I divided the State into four districts, known as the New York district, the Brooklyn district, the Syracuse-Albany district and the Buffalo district, and appointed the following Comrades to be Assistant Inspectors: John

D. Howland, Hamilton Ward, James L. Whitley, E. A. Burkhardt, Frank Hoppman, John J. Phelan, John Gomph, F. O. Seymour, A. B. Staats, Edward W. Jones, Alfred F. Hodgman, Harry A. Ely, L. T. Fetzner, James G. McMurray, F. C. Kuehnle, John T. Oates, Charles Leimbach and Clinton P. Hamilton. To such Assistant Inspectors were assigned certain Camps for inspection, and under such arrangement the work has been quite successfully carried on, and from the results obtained the following facts and figures are submitted for your information and consideration.

The number of Camps officially inspected was 44, as follows: Manhattan No. 1, New York City; Wallace F. Randolph No. 27, Yonkers; Defendam No. 36, New York City; Guy V. Henry No. 38, New York City; James M. Jarvis No. 23, New York City; General Hubbell No. 24, New York City; Sergeant Hamilton Fish No. 46, New York City; John K. Sague No. 44, Poughkeepsie; Norman W. Crosby No. 37, New Rochelle; Alfred C. Weller No. 32, Middletown; H. J. Reilly No. 34, Brooklyn; Admiral Phillip No. 18, Brooklyn; W. S. Overton, Jr. No. 29, Whitestone; Neptune Naval No. 30, Brooklyn; G. D. Russell No. 43, Brooklyn; Gloucester Naval No. 5, Brooklyn; A. L. Kline No. 12, Brooklyn; J. S. Decker No. 20, Stapleton; Admiral Sampson No. 48, Brooklyn; Naval No. 49, Brooklyn; Stephen Sanford No. 6, Amsterdam; T. H. Barber No. 3, Binghamton; M. D. Russell No. 2, Troy; W. A. Wilson No. 9, Glens Falls; Eugene Griffin No. 11, Schenectady; Auburn No. 39, Auburn; E. H. Liscum No. 14, Buffalo; L. Boardman Smith No. 25, Rochester; S. Y. Seyburn No. 13, Buffalo; Francis V. Greene No. 54, Tonawanda; Bucky O'Neil No. 15, Buffalo; R. P. Hughes No. 17, Buffalo; Niagara Falls No. 7, Niagara Falls; W. H. Hubbell No. 4, Brooklyn; Capron No. 22, Brooklyn; Lawton No. 21, Brooklyn; E. H. Liscum No. 33, Utica; Oscar Ross Wheeler No. 35, Utica; Old Guard No. 19, New York City; Griffin Engineers, New York City; Theo. Roosevelt No. 10, New York City; Admiral Schley Naval Squadron No. 16, Brooklyn; Capt. F. R. Palmer No. 28, Albany.

The aggregate membership in good standing of such Camps at the time of inspection was 2,984. The aggregate attendance at time of inspection was 2,221. The largest attendance of any one

Camp at time of inspection was 163, such Camp having a membership in good standing of 327. The next largest attendance was 139, this Camp having a membership of 238. The attendance of members of Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp at time of inspection was 100 per cent., the Camp having a membership of 54 and 54 Comrades being present at the inspection. It was not my intention to speak of any Camp particularly, but the record of this Camp in attendance certainly deserves mention, particularly in view of the fact that the lack of attendance of members at Camp meetings is the general complaint among the Camp officers. The matter of interesting the members in attendance at the meetings of the Camp, and interesting themselves in the work of the Camp, is a question that should receive the serious consideration of every Department and Camp officer, for with lack of attendance is lack of interest in the organization, and this in turn soon causes the naturally active Comrades, those who desire to see the organization grow, also to lose interest through discouragement. It seems to me that this is a question that could be profitably discussed and considered at this Encampment, and from such interchange of ideas the officers and Comrades might go back to their homes with new ideas for making the meetings of the Camp more interesting during the coming winter months, and in this way not only revive interest among the present members, but add to the membership roll.

The number of Camps having members uniformed was 27, the number of uniformed members in the Department being 895.

The total amount of personal property owned by the several Camps inspected amounted in value to the sum of \$6,108.76. Other assets amounted to the sum of \$4,391.89.

Highest amount charged for initiation fee is \$2.25; lowest amount charged is \$1. Largest amount charged for annual dues is \$6; in this case the Camp pays a weekly sick benefit and allows \$100 toward burial expenses in case of death. Highest amount charged without such benefits \$4, although such Camps no doubt give some benefits. Lowest amount charged, \$1.

Twenty Camps have during the past year expended for relief the aggregate sum of \$912.30.

The number of new members, gained by initiation or restoration

as shown by inspection, is 752. Number of members lost by being dropped from the rolls for non-payment of dues or otherwise and by death, is 360, making a net gain in membership of Camps inspected of 392. This gain is made up in part by certain of the Camps inspected having been organized within the past year, the total number gained in this way, the Adjutant being in better position to report.

The number of Camps having paid per capita tax for first six months of 1905, at time of inspection, was 38.

The following Camps for unavoidable reasons have not been inspected, viz.: R. C. Anderson, Oswego; C. E. Brayton Camp, Syracuse; W. R. Carmer Camp, Mt. Vernon; Col. Hardin Camp, Whitehall; Baron Steuben Camp, Hornellsville; Thomas Wansboro Camp, Albany; S. M. Porter Camp, Jamestown; G. R. Wilson Camp, Batavia; Edgar Hoffman Camp, Syracuse; Hoosick Camp, Hoosick Falls; Medina Camp, Medina; C. G. Thing Camp, Olean; J. V. Searles Camp, Flushing; Van Gaasbeck Camp, Kingston; B. M. Beardslee Camp, Walton. Of these camps a great many were inactive, it being impossible to get the members together for inspection, such inactive Camps having since by General Order No. 9 been dropped from the rolls of the Department. The old Camp at Herkimer practically became extinct some years ago; in fact it could not have been said to have hardly ever existed. There has, however, just been organized at Herkimer a new Camp known as the Col. John W. Vrooman Camp, and it promises to be a strong and active Camp.

From the information derived from the inspection of the several Camps, the enthusiasm shown, as a rule, by the officers and the workers, I can report a healthy condition in the organization throughout the State, and I can see no reason now, with a united body, harmony prevailing as it does, and so many good substantial citizens, now members of the organization, who are willing to devote time and money in the interests of the order, why the United Spanish War Veterans' organization should not continue to grow in numbers, wealth and influence.

In conclusion, I desire to say that I realize the work performed by me is far from being as complete as it might be, having had to blaze my own trail, as it were. I trust that any oversight, error

in performing or omission to perform what may seem to have been my duty, may be laid to inexperience rather than to wilful negligence, and that you will be charitable enough to excuse the same. If my work has been of any benefit to the Camps inspected and to the Department, and will at least have laid the foundation for better work along this line, I shall feel that I have accomplished something toward the progress and stability of this our organization.

To the Department Commander, Department Officers and Assistant Inspectors I desire to extend at this time my hearty thanks for their earnest and prompt co-operation, without which I should have been unable to have rendered you this report.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) W. FENTON MYERS,

Department Inspector.

By COMRADE JOHN T. RYAN:

I move that the report of the Department Inspector be referred to the Committee on the State of the Organization. (Carried.)

Report of Department Judge-Advocate Loyal L. Davis.

In the absence of the Department Judge-Advocate, this report was read by the Adjutant pro tem.

COMRADES: In submitting the annual report of the Department Judge-Advocate, my first privilege is to thank those delegates to last year's Encampment who so kindly elected me to that office. The position was entirely unsought, but the honor of the election was for that reason all the more welcome.

Quite a number of questions have arisen in various Camps during the past year concerning the approval or interpretation of Camp by-laws, and the legal phases that naturally arise from time to time in the administration of such organizations. These questions were all important to those directly concerned and, therefore, have been decided by the Judge-Advocate as carefully as his knowledge of the circumstances would permit. None of them is of any general importance.

Much work has been expended upon the effort to secure some amendments to the laws of the State, affecting the interests of the order. A bill introduced by Hon. Frank L. Stevens, of Hoosick

Falls, Rensselaer county (who is a member of our fraternity, having served in 1898 as captain of Company M, 2d N. Y. V. I), to extend to Veterans of the war with Spain the right to procure free licenses to peddle, a right heretofore enjoyed by Veterans of the Civil War, became a law.

Mr. Stevens also introduced a bill amending the Civil Service Law for the benefit of Spanish War Veterans. This bill was introduced at our request, and the introducer used every possible effort to advance it, but without success. While privileges similar to those sought to be obtained for us by this bill are already enjoyed by Veterans of the Civil War, and an even-handed justice ought, therefore, to give us like treatment, the policy of the State does not seem to favor the extension of civil service exemptions any further at present. Several bills of a like character have failed at previous sessions of the Legislature, and the fate of this was to be expected.

Hon. Thomas D. Lewis, of Fulton, Oswego county, introduced a bill amending the Poor Law by giving to our Camps the same right to relieve our indigent Comrades without sending them to the almshouse that the law now gives to posts of the Grand Army of the Republic. This bill, too, was designed to give all those who had served their country in time of war like treatment, and throughout the Department it was strongly supported as an eminently fair measure.

In the Assembly, this bill progressed in due order, but in the Senate it met with strong opposition. It was only after a long and severe struggle, during which a legislator of less experience and ability would have been useless, that Mr. Lewis succeeded in overcoming this opposition and getting the bill through the Senate and before the Governor.

Unfortunately after all this, the bill failed to meet with executive approval. Governor Higgins gives his reason for his action as follows: "In my judgment, the policy adopted years after the close of the Civil War with reference to poor relief for the Veterans of that war through the agency of the Grand Army of the Republic, is one that ought not to be extended. The disbursement of public funds through private agencies is of doubtful constitutionality, and it seems to me inexpedient to extend the precedent in a way

which might result in multiplying the demands made upon the State to provide for the care of poor of certain classes and denominations by the private agencies of such classes and denominations. My failure to approve the bill was not in the slightest degree due to any lack of appreciation of the services of the Spanish War Veterans; but it is to be remembered that the Veterans of the Civil War waited more than twenty years after the close of that war before obtaining the privilege which is sought by the Spanish War Veterans at this time."

I would suggest for the benefit of my successor and the good of the order, that hereafter all proposed bills should, as early as possible, be submitted to the Department Commander and legislative committee for approval. If approved by these officials, they should then be forwarded to the Judge-Advocate with notice of such approval, such suggestions as to the proposed introducer as may be helpful and all other information possible, not later than early in December.

In this manner the Judge-Advocate, if he is to continue as the legislative agent of the order, can get the bills introduced promptly at the opening of the session in January, with the official backing of the Department. Then, if opposition arises, there will be plenty of time to organize an effective support. If bills are delayed, they are liable to be sidetracked very easily in the rush that occurs toward the last of the session.

The grateful appreciation of the Department is due Assemblymen Lewis and Stevens for their careful and zealous labors in our behalf. Both of them worked for our interests energetically and ably, and both of them deserve our hearty thanks.

The aid and support given the Judge-Advocate by Commander C. A. Simmons, and by the officers and Comrades generally, was of great value. In many cases, it was very effective in quarters where we needed it. For this I sincerely thank them all.

I deeply regret my inability to be present at the annual Encampment. Trusting it may be thoroughly successful and enjoyable, I am,

Fraternally,

(Signed) LOYAL L. DAVIS,

Department Judge-Advocate.

By COMRADE JOHN T. RYAN:

Motion that the report be referred to the Committee on Legislation. (Carried.)

Meeting adjourned until 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Encampment called to order at 2 P. M. Adjutant pro tem read the minutes of the morning session, which were approved.

Report of Committee on Credentials.

Charles Leimbach, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, consisting of Department Commander C. A. Simmons, Department Senior Vice-Commander Lynch, Department Junior Vice-Commander Ely, Department Inspector Myers, Department Quartermaster Leimbach, Council Members Foist, Seymour, Kennedy, Wild, Morgan, Oates, Fagan, made the following report:

This committee finds 116 duly qualified delegates present, 104 delegates and 12 department officers, including the members of the Council of Administration, duly authorized to vote in this Encampment. Credentials were presented by forty-five Camps as follows:

No. 1, 6; No. 2, 5; No. 4, 8; No. 5, 3; No. 7, 4; No. 8, 2; No. 9, 1; No. 10, 3; No. 11, 3; No. 12, 2; No. 13, 3; No. 14, 4; No. 15, 2; No. 16, 3; No. 17, 2; No. 18, 2; No. 19, 5; No. 20, 1; No. 21, 1; No. 22, 2; No. 24, 1; No. 25, 8; No. 27, 2; No. 28, 4; No. 29, 1; No. 30, 1; No. 31, 3; No. 32, 1; No. 33, 2; No. 34, 1; No. 35, 1; No. 36, 2; No. 37, 1; No. 38, 2; No. 41, 1; No. 44, 1; No. 45, 1; No. 46, 1; No. 49, 2; No. 50, 1; No. 51, 2; No. 52, 1; No. 53, 1; No. 54, 1.

By COMRADE HAMILTON WARD, JR.:

Motion that the report of this committee be received pending any supplemental report, and that the rolls be made up by this committee and the committee be continued. (Carried.)

Report of Committee on Supplemental Rules and Regulations.

The Encampment then listened to the reading of the report of the Committee on Supplemental Rules and Regulations, which

committee was appointed at the Encampment held in Albany a year ago. This report, as amended after discussion, follows:

ARTICLE I.

The name by which this organization shall be known and distinguished is the "United Spanish War Veterans, Department of New York."

ARTICLE II.

Section 1. The Department officers shall be a Commander, Senior Vice-Commander, Junior Vice-Commander, Adjutant, Quartermaster, Inspector, Surgeon, Judge-Advocate, Chaplain, Mustering Officer, and Council of Administration, who shall hold their offices for a term of one year or until their successors are chosen and qualified.

§ 2. The duties of the Department Commander and Vice-Commanders shall be as defined in the rules and regulations of the National Encampment.

§ 3. The Department Adjutant, in addition to the duties prescribed by the rules and regulations of the National Encampment, shall have printed and furnished to the Camps, report blanks and forms for credentials for delegates and alternate delegates to the Department Encampment. He shall receive all moneys, receipting therefor to the respective Camps within ten days from receipt of same, and shall forward said moneys to the Department Quartermaster with the name and address of the Camp, together with that of the Adjutant from which it was received. Within twenty days after his appointment, he shall execute and deliver to the Department Commander a bond in the sum of (\$....), amount to be fixed by the Council of Administration, which amount shall be at least double the amount of moneys and property which is liable to come into the possession or control of the Adjutant or Quartermaster during his term of office, which bond in no case shall be less than \$500, with some surety company to be approved and held by the Department Commander conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of his office, and failing to execute and deliver such bond, his office shall be declared vacant by the Department Commander. The expense of said bond shall be paid

out of the Department treasury. He shall report all proceedings during his term to the Department Encampment.

§ 4. The Department Quartermaster, in addition to the duties defined in the rules and regulations of the National Encampment, shall send to each Camp a receipt for the money received by him from the Department Adjutant and shall, within five days after receiving said money from the Department Adjutant, deposit the same in his name as Department Quartermaster in a bank approved of by the Department Commander, and forward at once to the Department Commander a certificate from such bank therefor. Within twenty days after his appointment, he shall execute and deliver to the Department Commander a bond in the sum of dollars (\$), amount to be fixed by the Council of Administration, which amount shall be at least double the amount of moneys and property which is liable to come into the possession or control of the Adjutant or Quartermaster during his term of office, which bond in no case shall be less than \$500, with some surety company to be approved and held by the Department Commander, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of his office, and failing to execute and deliver such bond, his office shall be declared vacant by the Department Commander. The expense of said bond shall be paid out of the Department treasury. He shall make a detailed report of all receipts and disbursements to the Department Encampment.

§ 5. The duties of the Department Inspector, Surgeon, Judge-Advocate and Mustering Officer shall be as defined in the rules and regulations of the National Encampment.

§ 6. The Department Chaplain shall exercise spiritual supervision over the jurisdiction of the Department, and for that purpose shall be admitted to all meetings held therein. He shall deliver an appropriate prayer at the opening of each session of the Department Encampment.

§ 7. The Council of Administration, in addition to the duties defined by the rules and regulations of the National Encampment, shall, during the months of January and August, audit the accounts of the various offices, and within thirty days after the January audit, a report thereof shall be issued to each Camp entitled thereto,

and a report of both audits shall be submitted to the Department Encampment. No moneys shall be drawn from the Department treasury excepting by order receiving the majority vote of the Council of Administration.

ARTICLE III.

Department Encampments.

Section 1. The annual session of the Department Encampment shall be convened prior to the National Encampment. When a special Department Encampment is called, the Department Adjutant shall issue an order for the same, stating the object of the meeting.

§ 2. The Department Encampment shall consist of:

Department officers,

Camp Commanders,

Past Department Commanders as long as they remain in continuous membership in the Department,

Past Camp Commanders, who have served for a full term, or who, having been elected to fill a vacancy, shall have served to the end of the term, as long as they remain in continuous membership in their respective camps,

Duly elected delegates and alternate delegates.

§ 3. Camp delegates and alternate delegates to the Department Encampment shall be elected by secret ballot. A member to be eligible for delegate or alternate delegate must be in good standing in his Camp. Delegates and alternate delegates shall be chosen at the time of electing Camp officers, or during the month preceding the Encampment. No election for officers or delegates shall be had in any Camp until the members thereof in good standing have been notified in writing of the date and purpose of such election.

§ 4. Credentials shall be furnished Past Department Commanders by the Department headquarters, signed by the Department Commander and Department Adjutant, upon ascertaining that the Past Department Commanders are in good standing in their respective Camps. Past Camp Commanders and Camp delegates and alternate delegates shall be furnished with credentials signed by the Camp Commander and Camp Adjutant, which cre-

dentials shall be made out upon blanks furnished by the Department headquarters. Previous to the first day of the month in which the Department Encampment is held, Camp Commanders shall forward to Department headquarters a certificate of delegates and alternate delegates, which shall contain the original signatures, together with the late service, of the Commander, Past Commanders, delegates, and alternate delegates entitled to represent said Camp in the Department Encampment.

§ 5. All camps in arrears for reports or dues shall be excluded, for the time being, from representation either by Camp Commanders or otherwise, in the Department Encampments.

§ 6. The number of delegates to which each Camp is entitled shall be determined by the semi-annual report last preceding the Encampment.

§ 7. At the opening of the Department Encampment, the Department Commander shall appoint a Sergeant-at-Arms and as many assistants as he deems necessary, who shall be members of the organization in good standing, but who shall not be members of the Department Encampment. The duties of the Sergeant-at-Arms shall be to maintain order and to keep off the floor of the Department Encampment all persons excepting duly accredited members. All meetings of the Department Encampment shall be secret, and no person who is not a member of the organization in good standing shall be permitted in the ante-rooms, galleries, etc., excepting by a majority vote of the Encampment. At the end of the session following the report of the Committee on Credentials, the Department Commander shall issue an Encampment parole and countersign to the duly accredited members thereof, and thereafter during the Encampment, all persons entering the floor of the hall reserved for members of the Department Encampment shall be required by the Sergeant-at-Arms or his assistants to give said parole and countersign. Persons entering any other part of the hall in which the Department Encampment is held shall be required by the Sergeant-at-Arms or his assistants to give the current parole and countersign of the organization.

ARTICLE IV.

Department Committees and Their Duties.

Section 1. The Department Encampment shall be called to order by the Department Commander at 10 o'clock A. M. on the first day stated in the call therefor.

§ 2. At the opening of each Department Encampment, the Department Commander shall appoint a Committee on Credentials, Finance, Appeals and Grievances, State of the Organization, and Rules and Regulations, and such other special committee as may be designated by the Department Commander or Department Encampment.

§ 3. The Committee on Credentials shall examine the credentials of the delegates and alternate delegates from the several Camps, and report thereon to the Department Encampment as to the correctness of the same.

§ 4. The Committee on Finance shall examine the Department Quartermaster's and Department Adjutant's books and vouchers, and shall report forthwith to the Department Encampment.

§ 5. The Committee on the State of the Organization shall report on the conditions and progress of the organization in the Department, and recommend such measures as they may deem proper.

§ 6. The Committee on Rules and Regulations shall hold sessions to consider any amendments that may be proposed to the rules and regulations of the Department, and report to the Encampment such amendments as it may deem necessary.

§ 7. All committees, excepting special committees, shall consist of not less than three or more than seven members.

ARTICLE V.

Rules of Order.

Section 1. The business of the Department Encampment shall be taken up in the following order:

1. Roll call of Department officers and Camp Commanders.
2. Roll call of Past Department Commanders and Past Camp Commanders.

3. Report of Committee on Credentials.
4. Roll call of delegates and alternate delegates.
5. Report of Department officers in the following order:
 - Department Commander and Vice-Commanders,
 - Department Adjutant,
 - Department Quartermaster.
 - Department Inspector,
 - Department Judge-Advocate.
6. Reports of committees in the following order:
 - Finance,
 - Appeals and Grievances,
 - State of the Organization,
 - Rules and Regulations.
7. Reports of special committees.
8. Unfinished business.
9. New business.
10. Nomination and election of Department officers.
11. Installation of Department officers.
12. Adjournment.

§ 2. All petitions, resolutions and communications shall be presented to the Department Adjutant, who shall, without delay, read their title or such portion as may be necessary, when they shall be referred to the appropriate committee without debate.

§ 3. At the second session and each succeeding session of the Encampment, the minutes of the preceding session shall be read immediately after the opening ceremonies. The Encampment shall take up the foregoing order of business where it left off at the preceding session.

§ 4. During the nomination and election of Department officers, no motion shall be entertained excepting to take a recess.

5. The above order of business may be suspended at any time for a definite purpose by a two-thirds vote of the Encampment to be taken without debate.

ARTICLE VI.

District Boards.

Section 1. Whenever two or more Camps are organized in the same vicinity, or political division, they may, for the control and

management of such matters as are of common interest, organize a District Board. Each borough of the city of Greater New York is hereby declared a political division for District Board purposes.

§ 2. Each District Board shall take its name from the locality in which it is organized, and shall be known as The District Board.

§ 3. The Board shall consist of all officers of the National Encampment, and of the Department Encampment, who are members of Camps represented on said Board, the Commander of each Camp and one delegate for each twenty-five members in good standing or majority fraction thereof, which said membership shall be determined by the reports made to Department headquarters in the months of January and July, and shall be the number upon which per capita tax has been paid to the Department. The receipt of the Department Adjutant or Quartermaster for the same, together with a statement from the Camp Commander, giving the membership in good standing, shall be prima facie evidence of the number of delegates to which each Camp is entitled. Provided, however, that each Camp shall be entitled to elect two delegates to represent it at the District Board. In the event that the Commander cannot attend any meeting of said Board, the Vice-Commander next in rank and able to attend may represent the Camp, and in the event that a regularly elected delegate cannot attend a meeting of said Board, he shall notify his Camp thereof at the preceding meeting, and the Camp may elect an alternate in his place and stead.

§ 4. The officers of the District Board shall be: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Marshal, Sergeant-at-Arms, who shall be elected from the members of the Board by ballot at the first meeting of said Board in the month of February of each year, and shall hold office for one year, or until their successors are elected and qualified.

§ 5. The duties of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sergeant-at-Arms shall be similar to the duties prescribed for the Commander, Senior Vice-Commander, Adjutant, Quartermaster, and Officer of the Day of a Camp.

§ 6. No person shall be permitted to sit as a delegate or alternate delegate at any of the meetings of said Board or to attend the same,

unless in possession of the National countersign and Department parole, and it shall be the duty of the Sergeant-at-Arms to examine all those present at the opening of each session and ascertain if they are in possession of the same. All those not in possession thereof shall be excluded from the meeting.

§ 7. Regular meetings shall be held in each month, excepting July and August, and special meetings may be called by the Chairman whenever he deems it necessary, and shall be called by him upon application in writing signed by the majority of the members from the majority of the Camps.

§ 8. The Chairman shall appoint, within one week after the election, the following permanent committees, to consist of not less than three members:

1. Legislation and Pensions.
2. Employment and Relief.
3. Ceremonies and Cemeteries.
4. Finance and Accounts.
5. Entertainment and Press.

The duties of such committees shall be those usually performed by similar committees and as determined by the District Board.

§ 9. Each District Board may adopt by-laws and rules of order.

§ 10. District Boards may levy assessments to defray expenses, which said assessment shall be levied in proportion to the representation of each Camp on such Board.

§ 11. District Boards shall have no control or authority over any proceedings, ceremony, or other matter originally within the jurisdiction of a Camp, unless the same has been referred thereto by a vote of a Camp. Camps refusing to pay assessments levied by the District Board shall not be entitled to representation thereon.

ARTICLE VII.

Camps.

Section 1. The Commander, in addition to the duties defined by the rules and regulations of the National Encampment, shall

secure and have in his possession the Quartermaster's bond previous to allowing that officer to perform any of the duties of his office.

§ 2. The Adjutant, in addition to the duties defined by the rules and regulations of the National Encampment, shall enter in his minute book the name of each person in whose favor an order is drawn, giving the amount and purpose thereof. His minute book shall also show the amount of money on hand from the previous meeting, the total amount received and disbursements of each meeting, and the amount of money on hand at the close thereof.

§ 3. The Quartermaster, in addition to the duties defined by the rules and regulations of the National Encampment, shall, within twenty days after his appointment, execute and deliver to the Camp Commander a bond, in the sum required by the rules and regulations of the National Encampment (with some Surety Company), to be approved and held by the Camp Commander conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of his office, and failing to execute and deliver such bond, his office shall be declared vacant by the Commander. The expense of said bond shall be paid out of the Camp treasury.

§ 4. The trustees, in addition to the duties defined by the rules and regulations of the National Encampment, shall immediately investigate all bills referred to them and indorse thereon their approval or disapproval. They may, for the purpose of investigation, if they deem it necessary, hold any bills against the Camp which have been referred to them until the following meeting.

§ 5. All Camp business shall be transacted at the meetings thereof or by committees duly selected. No Camp business or proceeding shall be discussed in public places or be made the subject of general conversation or debate outside of said meetings, nor shall any of the books, records or papers be opened or exposed to view in any public place, or the standing thereon of any member be given to any one other than officers or committees entitled to know the same, excepting at meetings of the Camp, when all books, records, etc., shall be opened to the inspection of any member in good standing. Any Comrade violating this section shall be deemed guilty of conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline, and shall, upon due trial and conviction thereof, be expelled.

ARTICLE VIII.

Finance.

Section 1. During the months of June and December, the Camp Quartermaster's and Camp Adjutant's books and vouchers shall be audited by a committee selected at the first meeting in each of said months, which shall report at the following meeting the result of its audit, giving a statement of the receipts and disbursements for each meeting with the total thereof, the amount of money on hand at the time of last report and amount on hand to date. The report shall also show the number in good and bad standing last report, initiated or dropped since, and number in good and bad standing to date. The report shall be signed by the Auditing Committee and kept on file, subject to inspection by the Department Inspector.

§ 2. The Camp Quartermaster shall keep a detailed account of all receipts and disbursements and shall total each at the close of the Camp meeting. He shall enter at the foot of his minutes the total amount of receipts and disbursements during each Camp meeting, and also the total amount of funds on hand at the close of each meeting.

§ 3. Each Camp shall elect at its annual election a Board of Trustees to consist of three members, to which shall be referred all bills against the Camp before an order therefor shall be drawn. It shall be the duty of said Board of Trustees, in addition to the duties prescribed by the rules and regulations of the National Encampment, to investigate said bills immediately and to indorse thereon their approval or disapproval, after which, said bills may be submitted to the Camp for action. By a two-thirds vote of the Camp, the submission of any particular bill to the Board of Trustees may be dispensed with and an order therefor may be drawn forthwith.

§ 4. The books of the Secretary and Treasurer of each District Board shall be kept in the same manner as required above for the Camp Adjutant and Camp Quartermaster. They shall be examined during the months, in the manner and by an Auditing Committee selected as prescribed for Camps, and the report thereof shall be held subject to inspection by the Department Inspector.

§ 5. All Camp committees and committees of the District Board, having in charge entertainments, ceremonies, etc., involving the receipts or disbursements of funds, shall submit to the Camp or District Board an itemized statement of the receipts and disbursements thereof at the first meeting thereafter, and shall render a final report within thirty days following said entertainment or ceremony.

§ 6. All orders drawn by Camps in favor of the District Board shall be made out in favor of the District Treasurer, and the moneys drawn thereon shall be delivered to the District Treasurer by the Camp Commander, who shall receive from the District Treasurer a receipt therefor.

§ 7. The Department per capita tax shall be levied in two installments, the amount of which shall be fixed by the Council of Administration. Said tax shall be due and payable before the first day of February and August respectively, and Camps which do not pay their per capita tax by said dates, are to be considered as in bad standing in the Department.

§ 8. All orders for Department per capita tax shall be drawn in the name of the Department Quartermaster and shall be forwarded in the form of a post office money order, express money order or check to the Department Adjutant, who shall immediately receipt therefor to the Camp, sending the same to the Adjutant thereof. The Department Adjutant shall forward to the Department Quartermaster all checks and money orders which he shall receive from the Camps within ten days after the receipt therefor, together with a statement giving the name and addresses of the Camps and their Adjutants and the amount of money forwarded by each. He shall also send to the Department Commander a duplicate of the statement sent to the Department Quartermaster. The Department Quartermaster shall send to each Camp a receipt for the money received by him, shall deposit the same within five days after the receipt thereof and shall forward to the Department Commander at once a certificate from the bank for such deposit.

§ 9. All moneys drawn from the Department treasury shall be on order, which shall either be countersigned by the Department Commander, or receive the majority vote of the Council of Administration or of the Department Encampment. No order shall

be drawn until an itemized bill, showing the purposes for which this money is required, has been approved by the Department Commander and by the Department officer contracting the same, and no bills shall be contracted by any officer of this Department without the authority of the Council of Administration.

§ 10. Itemized statements of receipts and disbursements, together with vouchers therefor, shall be submitted by the Department Adjutant and Department Quartermaster to the Council of Administration at each meeting thereof, and it shall be the duty of the Department Adjutant and Department Quartermaster to have itemized statements of the receipts and disbursements of the Department, together with the vouchers therefor, at each Department Encampment and to submit them to the Committee on Finance of the Department Encampment, if required to do so.

§ 11. It shall be the duty of the Department Commander, the Chairman of each District Board, and the Commander of each Camp to have in his possession the bonds required to be held by him, before any funds, books, papers or other property shall be delivered to officers required to furnish bonds. In the event of loss because of the neglect of any officer to secure such bond, and have same in his possession, he shall be deemed guilty of inattention to, and neglect of, duty, and upon due trial and conviction thereof, shall be deprived of his office and all the honors and privileges attached thereto.

By COMRADE W. F. C. TICHBORNE:

In consideration of the great work in getting up these Supplemental Rules and Regulations, and in view of the fact that Comrade Ryan was requested to do so by the last Encampment, I move a vote of thanks be tendered to Comrade Ryan for the work which he has done. (Carried.)

By COMRADE JOHN T. RYAN:

I move that as the roll of Camps is called, that the Commander of each Camp present, or in his absence the first delegate upon the roll, arise and announce the name of the member of the Nominating Committee from his Camp, the Nominating Committee Chairman to be appointed by the chair. (Carried.)

The roll call of Camps was then given by Department Quartermaster Leimbach, and the following Comrades named as members of the Nominating Committee:

No. 1, George H. Tighe; No. 2, George W. McCune; No. 3, F. E. Bennett; No. 4, Henry A. F. Young; No. 5, W. H. I. Reaney; No. 6, W. F. Myers; No. 7, R. Barr; No. 6, W. F. C. Tichborne; No. 9, P. M. Haselton; No. 10, F. C. Kuehnle; No. 11, John J. McMullen; No. 12, John M. Carroll; No. 13, Hamilton Ward, Jr.; No. 14, John H. Grant; No. 15, F. T. Elbers; No. 16, W. F. Morian; No. 17, John T. Ryan; No. 18, S. A. Berkeley; No. 19, James G. McMurray; No. 20, George Van Kromer; No. 21, J. O. Shellard; No. 22, Sylvanus Foster; No. 24, Philip Madge; No. 25, E. N. Walbridge; No. 27, James Johnson; No. 28, M. J. Regan; No. 29, Paul V. Vandervelde; No. 30, W. F. Foist; No. 31, A. Versos; No. 33, M. A. Hayden; No. 34, Comrade Veate; No. 35, W. L. Foley; No. 36, W. B. Hotchkin; No. 37, John M. Finn; No. 38, Thomas F. Lynch; No. 41, M. W. Halblaub; No. 44, John S. Wilson; No. 45, Allen E. Billings; No. 46, W. S. Styles; No. 48, Chas. Leimbach; No. 49, Lars J. Petterson; No. 50, O. C. Fredericks; No. 51, F. W. Cristman; No. 52, F. E. Bussey; No. 53, Frank Keck; No. 54, Albert D. Smith.

Comrade Hamilton Ward was appointed Chairman of the Nominating Committee and authorized to issue a call for a meeting.

Word was sent to the Department Commander that a delegation from the Ladies' Auxiliary awaited admittance. The Department Commander appointed as a committee to escort the ladies into the hall, Comrades Matheis, Simmons, Morian, Leimbach and Schlag.

Mrs. Mary Gedney addressed the Encampment as follows:

By direction of the Department President we have been sent here to extend our greetings to the Encampment. We ask for recognition by salute, and welcome you to our gathering. We would now like to be escorted back by a committee of three Comrades."

Commander C. A. Simmons replied as follows:

We welcome you here. We have been very much pleased to know of the excellent turnout which has marked the gathering of your auxiliary this year. At the gathering in Albany last year there were three ladies present, and there was considerable difficulty in filling all of the offices. This year I understand that you have a flag team here and that you are going to have a competitive drill, and I congratulate you upon having here the National President and the Department President, and that your auxiliary this year promises to become a greater success than last year. We thank you for this visit. To-morrow we hope to have the President General with us to deliver an address to the Comrades. I will appoint as committee to escort you from the room, Comrades Schlag, Maurice Simmons and Matheis.

By COMRADE W. F. MORIAN:

We have dropped many members from our rolls, and have never received a badge or button from them. They are wearing them to-day in violation of the law, and I offer the following resolutions to try and stop men throughout the State of New York from wearing our badge and button when they have no right to do so.

WHEREAS, The Department of New York, in Encampment assembled, this 21st day of August, 1905, in the city of Niagara Falls, State of New York, desire to again assemble our suspended Comrades around our Camp-fires, and to check the evil which has developed in our order through the custom of suspended members wearing the badge and button of the order and posing as members in good standing when they have long since ceased that relationship; and

WHEREAS, This custom is in violation of Section 674a of the Penal Code of the State of New York, and is working much damage; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the attention of the Commander be directed to this matter and that he be authorized to require from each Camp in the Department a list of suspended members, together with their last address and the date and cause of their suspension; that he be empowered to cause the information so acquired to be printed and to cause each Camp to publish the same by posting it in the

Camp meeting room each meeting night for at least six months; and be it further

Resolved, That the Commander be authorized and empowered to cause this resolution to be printed and to direct each Camp to mail the same to the last known address of each member suspended from the respective Camp, together with a letter suitable to each particular case, which letter may prescribe the terms upon which the member may be reinstated; and be it further

Resolved, That the Commander be empowered to cause a corrected list to be published in the same manner every six months.

By COMRADE JAMES E. SMITH:

I move that a Committee on Rules and a Committee on Miscellaneous Matters be appointed by the Chair. (Carried.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER SIMMONS:

I appoint as Committee on Rules, Comrade W. F. Myers, A. E. Billings and F. C. Kuehnle; as Committee on Miscellaneous Matters, Comrades J. T. Oates, H. A. F. Young and W. F. C. Tichborne.

COMRADE B. J. FAGAN:

I move that a vote of thanks be extended to Comrade L. T. Fetzer for his hard labors in preparing the pamphlet concerning Civil Service Suggestions for Veterans, and which was recommended in the Department Commander's report, be distributed to each Camp. (Carried.)

At this juncture a recess was taken for the purpose of having a group photograph taken.

Several matters of business were presented and referred to committees.

Motion made by Comrade W. J. S. Dineen that the session adjourn. (Carried.)

Meeting adjourned to Tuesday, August 22d, at 10 A. M.

MORNING SESSION, TUESDAY, AUGUST 22.

Encampment called to order at 10 A. M. by Department Commander C. A. Simmons. The Adjutant pro tem. read the minutes of the session held Monday afternoon, and they were approved.

Report of the Committee on Legislation.

COMRADES.—Your committee to which was referred for action the annual report of the Department Judge Advocate, dated August 12, 1905, respectfully recommend the adoption of the same.

We further recommend that this Encampment extend, and that the Department Adjutant be directed to convey to Hon. Thomas D. Lewis, of Fulton, Oswego county, and to our Comrade, Hon. Frank L. Stevens, of Hoosick Falls, Rensselaer county, our appreciation of, and gratitude for, their unremitting and devoted labors in our behalf in the introduction and advocacy of measures furthering our welfare in the halls of legislation of this State.

For the consideration of this Encampment, we submit that the following two propositions be incorporated into law at the approaching session of the State Legislature, viz.:

First. That regulars who served honorably during the recent war with Spain and the incidental insurrection in the Philippines, be accorded the privilege now enjoyed by their Comrades the volunteers, that is, the right to a trial upon written charges with due notice, before removal from positions in the civil service of this State and its various political subdivisions.

Second. That county authorities be empowered to permit Camps of the U. S. W. V. to meet in county buildings.

We regret that the necessity for an immediate report limits any further recommendations.

MAURICE SIMMONS, *Chairman.*

JOHN T. RYAN.

JAMES L. WHITLEY.

WM. J. S. DINEEN.

FRANK KECK.

Dated Niagara Falls, August 21, 1905.

By COMRADE MAURICE SIMMONS:

The Committee on Legislation report favorably on the report of the Department Judge Advocate, and I move that it be adopted as read, including the suggestions. (Carried.)

By COMRADE J. T. OATES, Chairman of Committee on Miscellaneous Matters:

This committee respectfully reports that the communication from W. F. Randolph Camp, concerning markers for soldiers' and

sailors' graves, be referred to the favorable consideration of the National Encampment for action. This in order to secure uniformity of design, etc.

COMRADE MAURICE SIMMONS:

I move the adoption of the report of the committee. (Carried.)

COMRADE HAMILTON WARD, Jr.:

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances, to which was referred the resolutions relating to printing orders, reports the following resolution:

Resolved, That in the future all printing of the Department be done on white paper with blue or black printing, and that our National delegates be instructed to urge the same upon the National Encampment.

Motion that the report be adopted. (Carried.)

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances, to which was referred the matter of National Encampment observing a little more economy, reported the following resolution:

Resolved, That the delegates to the National Encampment of the U. S. W. V. be instructed to bring to the attention of such Encampment the manner in which the National officers have discharged their duty during the past year.

Motion that the report be adopted. (Carried.)

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances, to which was referred the case of Comrade J. N. Bertie, reported that it had decided it has no authority to pass upon charges, and finds that the name of J. N. Bertie be added to the roll of delegates as Past Commander of Camp No. 31.

After some discussion a motion was made that the report be accepted. (Carried.)

A delegation from the Ladies' Auxiliary was then admitted to the hall.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER SIMMONS:

Mrs. Alexander, we welcome you here and invite you to a seat on the platform, and to address the Encampment.—Comrades, for the past two years there has been in the office of the President

General of the National Auxiliary of the U. S. W. V. a noble woman, who has given freely of her time, who has labored very hard for the upbuilding of an important branch of our organization. She has been honored in the National Encampments and in many Department Encampments, and I would like to have her understand thoroughly that the reception which she receives here is not less hearty in any degree than the reception which has been tendered to her in any other place. We welcome you, Mrs. Alexander, we have great respect for the work which you have done, and we congratulate the organization upon having so valiant a worker at its head. Let us give her a rousing salute as she rises to address us in a few remarks.

Address by Mrs. Alexander.

Commander Simmons, Officers and Comrades of the Department of New York:

I am proud to stand before you. I am always proud to stand before the soldier boy. I hope I never shall feel any other way. When I begin to feel as though I am not proud to stand before the soldier boy and acknowledge to him that he has done some great things, I am ready to close my eyes and to close my lips, and pass away without recognition. I always want to be, if God will grant me that privilege, a woman who can say to a man or to a woman, "I honor you for the deeds you have done." Therefore, I come to you this morning bringing to you cheers and the good will from all over the United States, from the rockbound coast of the north to the balmy breezes of the south; from the golden gate of California to the coast of Maine; every one of us sends you greeting, sends you good will, and hopes you will prosper. Such a greeting comes to you from our own auxiliary. We are so proud to be your auxiliary; so proud that we can say we are the ladies who are organized to help promote the interests of the U. S. W. V. We have gone into this work fully realizing that it is not good for man to be alone, and feeling and knowing that this is so, we have organized this auxiliary of willing workers, and their whole object, whole soul and whole mission is to work until the people of the United States and all over Europe and everybody says, "That there was

no grander man that ever graced the nation than the boy who served in this Spanish War." We are going to say it, we are going to keep saying it until every single person says that the United Spanish War Veterans are just as great and as noble a body as the Grand Army of the Republic. That is our mission. Now, gentlemen, if there is any one here in this audience that belongs to a camp that has not an auxiliary, you see how you stand. You stand alone.

I want to say to you that these ties bind you closely. Be such good, fond brothers, be always glad to see that button on another boy, and when you see it take his hand and say, "We are brothers in one fraternity; we will march along together." When you hear unkind things pay no attention to them, just look for the good in everybody. Let us walk together side by side, and in the very last march we will be with you. I thank you very much.

Mrs. W. B. Young, Jr., of Rochester, N. Y., Department President of the Department of New York, was then introduced, and also addressed the Encampment.

Address by Comrade Orville G. Victor.

Comrade Orville G. Victor, of L. Boardman Smith Camp No. 25, Department of New York, was introduced, and said, in part:

It is with extreme diffidence that I arise before this assembly of men and women who have evinced in no uncertain fashion their patriotism and their interest in those things which tend to keep alive the memories and the lessons of the past, and to teach to coming generations that genuine love of country without which no nation can attain true greatness.

It is related of no less distinguished an author than that sterling American historian and romancist, Washington Irving, that being once called upon to deliver an address of welcome to a visiting British man of letters, he floundered through a few almost inaudible remarks and then sat down, as completely flustered as a schoolboy making his first attempt in public.

However, if there is any subject that should inspire even a newspaperman to eloquence it is the subject on which I have been asked to address you to-day — the United Spanish War Veterans and it's Auxiliary. Tennyson, the greatest of England's modern poets, says in one of his most beautiful compositions: "And

I would that I might utter the thoughts that arise in me." Like the poet, I would that I might utter the thoughts that arise in me when I think of our organization — an organization composed largely of the sons of the men who wore the Blue and the sons of the men who wore the Gray — an organization that fittingly marks the complete obliteration of Mason and Dixon's Line, and clasps the hands of freedom, of patriotism and of humanity, North, South, East and West.

After all, I suppose that I can tell you nothing about our organization with which you are not already familiar. I take for granted that you are all members of it, or intending members. From reports which have reached me from all parts of the country, I know that the recent amalgamation of the Spanish War Veterans and the Spanish-American War Veterans was a step, the wisdom of which is already apparent as shown by the increased enthusiasm of members from Maine to California.

And if, at the outset, there were some differences of opinion, some cherished personal ambitions that have not yet been gratified, I am sure that there are none here who would permit to rankle in their bosoms any thought of jealousy, or by any word or deed do aught that might prove detrimental to the welfare of the order of United Spanish War Veterans.

Once we were all soldiers — we were? Nay, we are. For who did ever enlist under the folds of the Stars and Stripes but felt himself ever after a soldier of Uncle Sam?

It is such gatherings as this that keep alive the true soldierly spirit. Did you ever stop to think how a family separates, and is scattered after the death of the wife and mother? I bear one such in mind now. Twenty years ago it was a happy family, gathered beneath the roof-tree in a distant state. It was a loving family, held together by ties of blood and affection and mutual pride. But death laid its hand upon the mother. She was laid to rest in the beautiful Paramus valley, famed in history and song, rich in Revolutionary legend. And to-day a white-haired father calmly awaits the time when he shall join her in the great hereafter, and her sons and daughters are scattered from the Atlantic to the Pacific shore.

This is not an uncommon case. Rather is it the rule. There is no hand like that of the mother to bring the wanderers back to the dear old home. As long as she lives there will be family reunions, no matter how widely separated the children may be. And for those who have worn the blue of Uncle Sam, there can be no excuse for want of reunion, for their mother never dies. Her name is Columbia, whose sons and daughters are legion, whose name is mighty, whose life shall last while civilization and Christianity survive — Columbia, the gem of the ocean, the mistress of the world, and the mother of all true Americans!

It is not, however, as a newspaperman only that I would speak to you women here to-day, but as a brother comrade of the United Spanish War Veterans. I would wish that I might impress you women of the Auxiliary with the sincerity of the appreciation with which my comrades of that order regard your sisterly services. You are to us what the Women's Relief Corps has long been to the Grand Army of the Republic — you are that, and more.

It has been said that the members of the G. A. R. have felt a certain amount of jealousy toward the United Spanish War Veterans, because the former had long believed that that other organization, the Sons of Veterans, would in time succeed to the place in public regard so long held by their sires; and because, in the formation of our own order, they foresaw that the United Spanish War Veterans, rather than the Sons of Veterans, would be looked to for the perpetuation of those principles of patriotism which the G. A. R. has been teaching all these years, and would, in consequence thereof, succeed to the affectionate esteem of the American people when the G. A. R. shall be only a memory, and taps shall have been sounded over the grave of the last survivor.

But I believe that if such a feeling ever was, it is fast vanishing before the fraternity which now exists between the older and the younger veterans. And to this end no one can do more than you women, the wives, mothers, the sisters and sweethearts of the young men who seven years ago offered their services to their country against the encroachments of a foreign foe.

And another thing: the American Republic is large enough, the American people is great enough, to welcome and to regard with affectionate esteem all the organizations which now or in the

future may exist for the purpose of propagating the seeds of freedom, of patriotism and of humanity. There is room for us all — the Grand Army of the Republic, the United Spanish War Veterans, and the Sons of Veterans — and we are all alike powerless for good without the comradeship and the co-operation of the women of the land.

I myself had occasion to note a part of the work done by Miss Gould and Miss Lucy Chauncey, sister of my Colonel, the late Henry Chauncey, Jr., Commander of the Eighth New York Volunteer Infantry. Just as a single instance of their devotion, their patriotism, I will cite the fact that when that regiment was ordered home, with nearly one-half its roll on the sick-list, those splendid women rented an entire island in Long Island Sound, with a beautiful mansion, and placed it at the disposal of the invalid soldiers of the Eighth.

But it would require a large volume to recount the blessed deeds of Helen Gould, Isabelle Alexander and the other noble women who did what they could when their country called. And what shall be said of the services of those women who, like you, prayed and worked at home, with never a public mention of your noble deeds, with never a thought of self?

It is no wonder that we seek your aid. Freely was it given in the hour of need, and sadly would we miss it now. Why, the very letters that you used to write to those far-off fever camps put heart and soul into the men who were waiting for they knew not what.

I have seen a big bearded soldier break down and cry at the receipt of one of those loving missives. And none of his Comrades laughed at him. Rather they envied him, for some of them, poor souls, had no mother, no wife, no sister nor sweetheart to send a tender message of love and home.

More than two hundred years ago Thomas Otway, an English poet, wrote:

“Oh, woman, lovely woman! Nature made thee
To temper man; we had been brutes without you.
Angels are painted fair, to look like you;
There's in you all that we believe of Heaven —
Amazing brightness, purity and truth,
Eternal joy, and everlasting love.”

"Amazing brightness, purity and truth, eternal joy and everlasting love." I believe that if Otway were of our generation he would have added: "and patriotism divine." We are taught that "the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." And that is true in far greater sense than is realized by the average politician of modern times. It is not of so-called political equality that I speak, but of domestic tranquillity and national honor.

You women have entered upon a work the magnitude of which may not be foretold. Why have you formed this Auxiliary. Why is your National President, Mrs. Alexander, here to-day? Why is your honored Department President, Mrs. Young, present? Why are you all here at Niagara Falls to-day? Simply for recreation, or empty honors! No, a thousand times, No! You have formed yourselves into an association that we men may profit by your aid and counsel. That our sons and your sons, and our daughters and your daughters may be taught the same principles of patriotism and devotion that you and we imbibed from our mothers — that not only the people of the United States, but the nations of the world may see and realize that the mantle of Columbia is worn most becomingly by her daughters of this, the twentieth century. That even the historic patriotism of the Spartan matrons of old shall be eclipsed by the women of to-day — the mothers of the coming generation, upon whom depends the future of the Republic.

We welcome your help. We welcome your counsel. We welcome your loving ministrations in the time of need and in the hour of danger. We welcome all these, not only on battlefield and in fever-camp, but in the ordinary ways of life, in the stress of business and the exigencies of political turmoil — for if each man stops to consider whether his conduct, in the one or the other, will meet the approbation of wife or mother, we need have no fear of dishonest officials or financial panic.

And, above all, we need these in the care and education of our children, that they, reared in those principles of freedom, patriotism and humanity to which our order is devoted, may in turn bequeath to their children the same principles, and so perpetuate this American Republic, which Washington founded and Lincoln died to save — this Republic, whose future depends in large measure upon the words and deed of you women of to-day."

"America" was sung and the ladies marched from the hall.

By COMRADE A. E. BILLINGS:

I move that the by-laws adopted to-day shall not be printed except as may hereafter be directed by Executive order, and that the Standing Rules and Regulations Committee be directed to prepare a complete revision of the Department Rules and Regulations, to be presented at our next Department Encampment. (Carried.)

Session adjourned to 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Encampment called to order at 2 P. M.

By COMRADE J. H. GRANT:

WHEREAS, The annual National Encampment per capita tax of twenty-five cents, combined with the annual Department per capita tax of twenty-five cents, appears to be excessive, especially in contrast with similar military organizations, and is a hardship to many Camps struggling to meet outstanding obligations, and

WHEREAS, It is believed that with the sale of badges, buttons, books of rules and regulations, books of ceremonies, etc., a large income above cost to the National Encampment is secured; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Department of New York, United Spanish War Veterans, in annual Encampment assembled, That the forthcoming annual National Encampment to be convened at Milwaukee, Wis., be respectfully requested to amend Section 18 of Article V, Rules and Regulations, so as to reduce the National Encampment per capita tax fully fifty per centum (50%); that our delegates are hereby instructed to support such a measure, and that the Department Commander furnish to the National Adjutant-General an authenticated copy of these resolutions.

These resolutions were referred to the Committee on the State of the Organization.

By COMRADE B. J. FAGAN:

WHEREAS, The Department of New York, in Encampment assembled, this 22d day of August, 1905, in the city of Niagara Falls, State of New York, believes that the objects for which our

order was formed will be truly advanced by some outward, permanent and public manifestation of our recognition of the age, valor and devotion to principle of those valiant soldiers and sailors of our country, heroes of the Civil War, North and South, and

WHEREAS, No better official method to promote this recognition occurs to us than to connect them by some close tie to our organization, and

WHEREAS, One of the greatest glories of the Spanish War was the welding of our country into a permanent whole, which a war between brothers equally patriotic for the principle of liberty and freedom among men had divided; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the delegates to the National Encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans be and hereby are authorized and instructed to propose the following amendment to Article IV of the Rules and Regulations, and that the said amendment be known as Section 3 of said article:

Sec. 3. *Special Honorary Members*.—Any honorably discharged officer, soldier or sailor or marine, who served either in the United States or Confederate Army, Navy or Marine Corps during the War of the Rebellion, may be elected as a special honorary member.

After discussion this motion was adopted:

Report of Finance Committee.

Report of Finance Committee of action taken on annual report of the Department Quartermaster:

Commander and Comrades of Department of New York, U. S. W. V.:

Your committee begs to report as follows:

Balance brought forward August 17, 1904.....	\$143 66
Received during the year.....	902 67
Total receipts.....	\$1,046 33
Disbursements during year.....	970 12
Balance on hand.....	\$76 21

Resolved, That we heartily congratulate the Department on such a competent and painstaking official in the person of Department Quartermaster Comrade Charles Leimbach. Be it further

Resolved, That we suggest to the Encampment that the books of the Quartermaster be handed to the Council of Administration on the first day of the Encampment, so that all the books and vouchers of his department can be properly audited and handed to the Encampment.

JOHN T. OATES,
WILLIAM C. WILD,
WILLIAM F. MORGAN,
BERNARD J. FAGAN,
FRANK O. SEYMOUR,
A. J. KENNEDY,
WILLIAM F. FOIST.

The report of the committee accepted.

By COMRADE J. T. OATES:

Resolved, That this Encampment of United Spanish War Veterans, Department of New York, in Encampment assembled in the city of Niagara Falls, N. Y., on August 21st and 22d, hereby extends its congratulations to Comrade Anthony Fiala, of Colonel Kline Camp, Brooklyn, upon his safe return from his Arctic explorations, and with that bond of fraternal comradeship upon which our order has been founded it is the sense of this Encampment that a banquet be tendered to Comrade Fiala in the city of Brooklyn at a date to be decided upon by this Encampment.

By COMRADE PHILIP MADGE:

I move that this resolution of Comrade Oates be accepted and that a movement of this sort be given ratification by this Encampment. (Carried.)

By COMRADE J. T. OATES:

Resolved, That this Encampment of United Spanish War Veterans, Department of New York, refer the matter of the Joseph S. Decker Fund of Staten Island to the Judge-Advocate of the Department for a thorough investigation.

By COMRADE W. J. CUNNINGHAM:

I move the adoption of this resolution with the amendment that if necessary the Judge-Advocate and the District Attorney of Richmond county be asked to co-operate. (Carried.)

By COMRADE J. E. SMITH:

Resolved, That the suggestion of a less awkward name for the organization be brought before the attention of the National Encampment by our delegates.

After some discussion the resolution was withdrawn.

By COMRADE JAMES F. COURT:

Resolved, That the Department of New York, U. S. W. V., hereby pledges and commits itself to support the passage of the following resolution to amend the New York State Constitution so as to allow United Spanish War Veterans the same preference in appointment and promotion in the civil service of the State and the civil divisions thereof as is now enjoyed by the veterans of the late Civil War, to wit:

STATE OF NEW YORK.

No. 1522.

Int. 1181.

IN ASSEMBLY,

March 5, 1901.

Introduced by Mr. Bennett — read once and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to section nine of article five of the constitution, relating to civil service appointments and promotions.

Section 1. Resolved (if the Senate concur), That section nine of article five of the constitution be amended to read as follows:

§ 9. Appointments and promotions in the civil service of the state, and of all the civil divisions thereof, including cities and villages, shall be made according to merit and fitness to be ascer-

tained, so far as practicable, by examinations, which, so far as practicable, shall be competitive; provided, however, that honorably discharged soldiers and sailors from the army and navy of the United States in the late civil war or in the late Spanish-American war, who are citizens and residents of this state, shall be entitled to preference in appointment and promotion, without regard to their standing on any list from which such appointment or promotion may be made. Laws shall be made to provide for the enforcement of this section.

§ 2. Resolved (if the Senate concur), That the foregoing amendment be referred to the legislature to be chosen at the next general election of senators, and that in conformity to section one, article fourteen, of the constitution, it be published for three months previous to the time of such election. (Carried.)

Report of Committee on Organization.

Comrade J. H. Grant, Chairman of Committee on the State of the Organization, submitted the following report:

Commander and Comrades:

Your Committee on the State of the Organization, to whom was referred the various recommendations and suggestions embodied in the reports of the Department Commander, Adjutant and Inspector, respectfully report that it has carefully considered the substance contained in the reports of the respective officers, with the result that the following details with resolutions are submitted for your consideration:

Detail I — Lack of Attention to Official Communications.

WHEREAS, Delinquency on the part of Camp Adjutants and Quartermasters in answering official communications has a tendency to seriously retard the progress of departmental work, and believing that there can be but little excuse for such negligence, and as these officers are appointees of Commanders of Camps, be it

Resolved, That Commanders of Camps be held directly responsible for delinquency on the part of their Adjutants and Quartermasters, and be reprimanded accordingly, at the discretion of the Department Commander.

Detail II — Laxity in Use of Countersigns, Paroles and Unwritten Work.

WHEREAS, Laxity in the use of countersigns, paroles and unwritten work on the part of Camp officers cannot but be detrimental to the interests of the organization, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Department Inspector lay particular stress in his inspection of Camps on the unwritten work, countersigns and paroles, and that his reports contain markings on this particular part of the work.

Detail III — Recommendation of More General Visits to Camps on the Part of Departmental Officers.

WHEREAS, The general good resulting from the visits of Department officers to Camps throughout the State has been particularly apparent during the past year, be it

Resolved, That the incoming administration be requested to give particular attention to this part of the work, and, if practicable, arrange to have each Camp visited at least once during the year by some Department officer nearest to the locality.

Detail IV — Reorganization of Apparently Defunct Camps.

Believing that the detailing of efficient Comrades to the reorganization of apparently dead Camps at Batavia, New York City, Port Chester, Walton, Syracuse, Whitehall, Flushing, Geneva, Hoosick Falls, Saratoga and Olean would result in reviving these Camps, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Commander detail efficient Comrades located in the vicinity of the Camps to be reorganized and make every effort to effect a reorganization.

Resolved, That the traveling expenses of Comrades detailed to this work be paid by the Department.

Detail V — Formation of Rifle Clubs Under the Auspices of the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice.

Your committee is wholly in sympathy with the views on this subject expressed by the Department Commander, but as we understand official action has not been taken as yet by the War Department, it is believed to be unwise to take definite action on this matter at this time.

Detail VI — Relative to the Matter of Circulars or Publications of Any Form Setting forth Reasons Why Spanish War Veterans Should Connect Themselves with the Organization.

Resolved, That the Council of Administration be authorized to issue publications of any nature pertaining to the betterment of the organization, at the expense of the Department.

Resolved, That the distribution of the Civil Service Manual, prepared by Comrade L. T. Fetzner, be left to the judgment of the Council of Administration.

Resolved, That the Department Commander be hereby authorized to prepare an appropriate seal for use in official correspondence.

Detail VII — Relative to Change in Uniform.

Resolved, That it is the desire of this Department that the uniform now recognized as the regulation uniform of United Spanish War Veterans be continued, and that the delegates selected to represent this Department at the National Encampment are hereby instructed to vote to maintain it as it now is.

Detail VIII — Reduction of National Per Capita Tax.

Resolved, That the resolution of Dr. J. H. Grant, relative to reduction in the National per capita tax, be approved and supported by the delegates to the National Encampment at Milwaukee September 6th, 7th and 8th.

Detail IX — Relative to the Resolution Relating to Wearing of Badges or Buttons by Unauthorized Persons.

It is the opinion of your committee that no official action is necessary by this Encampment, as offenses of this nature are already covered by suitable State laws.

In conclusion your committee desire to state that other matters recommended in the several reports come entirely within the province of the respective Department officers, and may be adjusted to their satisfaction by them.

JOHN H. GRANT,
FRANK HOPPMAN,
JAMES G. McMURRAY,
JOHN F. SCHLECHTER.

Detail 1. Adopted.

Detail 2. Adopted.

Detail 3. Adopted.

Detail 4. Adopted.

Detail 6. Adopted.

Matter of Civil Service Manual left to Council of Administration.

Resolved, That the Department Commander be hereby authorized to procure an appropriate seal for use in official matters. (Carried.)

Detail 7. Adopted.

Detail 8. Adopted.

By COMRADE J. F. SCHLAG:

Resolved, That this Encampment select as the official newspaper of the Department of New York, U. S. W. V., the "United Spanish War Veteran," issued at Mt. Vernon, N. Y., by Comrade W. F. C. Tichborne; and I move that the "United Spanish War Veteran" be adopted as the official paper of this Department. (Carried.)

By COMRADE MAURICE SIMMONS:

I move the adoption of this resolution.

Resolved, That the Department Encampment of New York, U. S. W. V., in assembly convened this 22d day of August, 1905, at the city of Niagara Falls, condemn the action of the Chief Executive of the State of New York in vetoing the measure extending poor relief to veterans of the War with Spain after its successful passage through both branches of the Legislature of the State of New York during the session of 1905, and furthermore, be it

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Executive of the State of New York.

After considerable discussion, Comrade D. J. Murphy offered as an amendment to this motion that the resolution be changed, and that the original motion be stricken out and the resolution changed to read, "We request that the Governor's good offices be enlisted should the bill come before him again." (Carried.)

COMRADE B. J. FAGAN:

I move the adoption of this report. (Carried.)

COMRADE DANIEL J. MURPHY:

Resolved, That the recommendation of the retiring Department Commander with reference to a reserve, be placed before the incoming Department Commander, and taken up by him. (Carried.)

Session adjourned until 7 P. M. at the Cataract House.

EVENING SESSION.

Encampment called to order at 7:45 P. M. at Cataract House.

Department Commander Simmons read a telegram from William E. English, Commander-in-Chief, National Encampment:

Convey my best wishes and most fraternal greetings to the comrades of New York now assembled in Department Encampment.

WILLIAM E. ENGLISH,
Commander-in-Chief.

COMRADE J. F. SCHLECTHER:

I move that this telegram be answered. (Carried.)

Department Commander Simmons appointed as a committee to answer the message Comrades H. A. Ely, F. J. Hess and J. F. Schlechter.

COMRADE MAURICE SIMMONS:

I move that at the approaching National Encampment of the U. S. W. V. in Milwaukee, Department Commander C. A. Simmons be authorized to represent the State of New York in all deliberations. (Carried.)

COMRADE J. T. RYAN:

I move that the question of a meeting place for the next Department Encampment be referred to the incoming Department Council of Administration. (Carried.)

COMRADE F. W. CRISTMAN:

Resolved, That we heartily commend the work of our Comrade, President Theodore Roosevelt, in his efforts to secure peace in the Orient. (Carried.)

Comrades Anthony Andrews and James McMurray were appointed tellers.

Comrade Hamilton Ward, chairman of the Nominating Committee, placed the names of the following Comrades before the Encampment, and each was unanimously elected:

Department Commander, Charles A. Simmons, Rochester.

Department Senior Vice-Commander, Harry A. Ely, New York city.

Department Junior Vice-Commander, John T. Oates, Stapleton.

Department Inspector, William J. S. Dineen, Brooklyn.

Department Surgeon, John S. Wilson, Poughkeepsie.

Department Judge-Advocate, A. B. Gilfillan, Buffalo.

Department Chaplain, W. H. I. Reaney, Brooklyn.

Department Council of Administration: H. W. MacBean, Niagara Falls; Wm. C. Wild, Brooklyn; Wm. J. Cunningham, Troy; Jacob F. Schlag, Yonkers; Albert Gilbert, Jamestown; James E. Smith, Albany; Joseph K. Jordan, Buffalo; Peter G. Krug, Herkimer.

COMRADE HAMILTON WARD:

For delegates at large to the National Encampment I would present the following names: Hamilton Ward, Jr., Camp 13; John T. Ryan, Camp 17; Harry A. Ely, Camp 19; George W. McCune, Camp 2.

Moved and seconded that the Adjutant cast one ballot for these four names. (Carried.)

COMRADE HAMILTON WARD:

I present the following named Comrades for delegates according to membership in the Department: John H. Grant, Camp 14; Frank Wall, Camp 13; Leroy Skinner, Camp 50; Arnold B. Sanford, Camp 35; Frank Johnson, Camp 14; A. B. Gilfillan, Camp 14; John Trumpfeller, Camp 13; W. B. Hotchkin, Camp 36; Louis Hettrich, Camp 17; H. A. F. Young, Camp 4; H. W. MacBean, Camp 7; Fred Lempke, Camp 13; Edward W. Kellf, Camp 1; James S. Long, Camp 53; Benjamin Peate, Camp 34; John J. O'Rourke, Camp 20; F. C. Kuehnle, Camp 10; Michael

J. Halblaub, Camp 41; Albert Gilbert, Camp 45; Fred Elbers, Camp 15; John Schuck, Camp 13; W. L. Judson, Camp 13; Edward Brenner, Camp 17; Thomas Boyd, Camp 13; D. J. Murphy, Camp 19; Albert Smith, Camp 54; Peter G. Krug, Camp 51; Lucien B. Green, Camp 13; E. N. Walbridge, Camp 25; John Lyons, Camp 38; James F. Court, Camp 19; L. T. Fetzer, Camp 1; F. W. Cristman, Camp 51; A. J. McGurty, Camp 17; C. W. Fulton, Camp 3; John D. Casey, Camp 13; George F. Tighe, Camp 1; Alfred Hahn, Camp 14; Thomas F. McGreal, Camp 5.

COMRADE D. J. MURPHY:

I move that the Adjutant be instructed to cast one ballot for these delegates. (Carried.)

COMRADE F. W. CRISTMAN:

I move that the delegates at large be given the power to fill any and all vacancies on this list that may occur. (Carried.)

COMRADE MAURICE SIMMONS:

I move that this Encampment extend to Commander MacBean and to his fellow Comrades of the local Camp a rising vote of thanks. (Carried.)

COMRADE A. E. BILLINGS:

I move that the Comrades of Buffalo be thanked by a rising vote. (Carried.)

COMRADE B. J. FAGAN:

I move that a vote of thanks be given to the Natural Food Company for their courtesy to us. (Carried.)

COMRADE J. F. SCHLAG:

I move that a vote of thanks be given to the ladies of Niagara Falls for their untiring efforts to make the Department Encampment a success. (Carried.)

Department Commander Simmons then installed into their respective offices the officers chosen for the coming year.

Department Commander C. A. Simmons was installed by Thomas F. Lynch, past Commander-in-Chief.

The Joint City Council of New York City was appointed a committee with full power to make all arrangements for a banquet to be held in New York City, in honor of Anthony Fiala.

Department Commander Simmons announced the appointment of Charles Leimbach to the position of Department Quartermaster for the ensuing year.

Motion made to adjourn *sine die*. (Carried.)

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Third Annual Encampment.

ALBANY, N. Y., AUGUST 6-7, 1906.

PROCEEDINGS OF THIRD ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT.

Encampment called to order by Department Commander C. A. Simmons at 10 A. M., August 6, 1906.

Invocation by W. H. I. Reaney, Department Chaplain.

Department Commander Simmons appointed Department Inspector William J. S. Dineen, Adjutant *pro tem*.

Department Commander Simmons introduced Commander M. J. Reagan of Captain Frank Rockwell Palmer Camp, who in turn introduced Mayor Charles H. Gaus, of Albany.

Mayor Gaus welcomed the delegates as follows:

Delegates and United Spanish War Veterans:

I have been assigned to make a speech. Everybody knows that I never make a speech, but I can assure you as a member of the National Guard of the State of New York, and also as one of the old Comrades of '61, that I bid you the most cordial welcome to our City. We are glad that you are with us, and we hope that your stay here will be a pleasant one. I know that the Camp which Commander Reagan represents will make it as pleasant as it possibly can be made while you remain with us in Albany. In 1898 I was at Camp Black acting on the staff of General Oliver, who was then in command of the Brigade, and was down there from the time the troops commenced to arrive at Camp Black, remained there until the last tent was pulled down, and saw the boys move out. I hoped at that time that I might be one of them, but I was a little beyond the age, still I felt as though I would like to march out with the boys. I knew many of them and was sorry to see them leave, but I knew they would do their duty when called upon. We are not looking for war now, we are looking for peace — everlasting peace, but when the time comes for the boys to act, I know they will all be there and will do their full duty as they did while they were away. As I said, I am not here to make a speech, but I am pleased that you are here, and that the most of you who left us at Camp

Black came home safely. We do not expect every man to come back a hero. Heroes are elements of chance. A fellow that starts out doesn't know whether he is coming back a hero, or whether he will ever come back, and at times when heroes are advertised in the papers as having done great acts, they were not always the ones who laid out the plans so they could become a hero. Every individual who marches behind his Commander is ready to become a hero. He goes out to fight in the battles of his country, not because he wants to kill anybody, but because of a purpose, and he goes with an intent in his mind to carry out what it is his duty to do as a soldier and as an American, and as an American soldier following the Stars and Stripes, and I know that each and every one of you who are here to-day were thoroughly in earnest when you started out and did your duty which you were called upon to do. In my regiment for thirty-five years after the war we never had a reunion; only within the last five years have we had them. There are only a few of us left. Gentlemen, I thank you for your presence here, and hope that your stay here may be an agreeable and a pleasant one.

Department Commander Simmons in his response to the Mayor said:

"This is the second time in three Department Encampments that we have been entertained in your City. You have a particularly beautiful place. It is a City which is associated with the political aspirations of the entire State, as well as those of men in many other branches. The State sends its best representatives here, and they all go back with the kindest recollections of Albany. It was thus that we went from here two years ago. We thank you cordially for the invitation which was extended to us, and for the hearty words which you have spoken. I do know that the local Camp will take good care of the delegates while they are here, and on behalf of the Department of New York, I thank you, Mr. Mayor, for your presence here to-day."

Department Commander C. A. Simmons announced the following committees:

Committee on Credentials.—Charles Leimbach, James G. McMurray, James S. Long.

Committee on Finance.—To consist of Members of Council of

Administration: H. W. MacBean, W. C. Wild, William J. Cunningham, Jacob F. Schlag, Albert Gilbert, James E. Smith, Joseph K. Jordan, Peter J. Krug, and M. W. Halblaub.

Committee on Appeals and Grievances.—A. A. Ross, Frederick Kuehnle, George Kline, M. J. Reagan, Frederick Budde.

Committee on State of the Organization.—A. E. Billings, W. F. Morian, F. A. Seymour, W. P. Martindale, W. F. Foist.

Committee on Rules and Regulations.—A. B. Gilfillan, Maurice Simmons, W. Martin Watson, John T. Oates, Wilson I. Davenney.

Department Commander Simmons appointed Comrade George Kline of L. Boardman Smith Camp No. 25, as Sergeant-at-Arms.

Roll call of Department officers and Camp Commanders showed eleven Department officers and thirty-two Camp Commanders present as follows:

Department Commander C. A. Simmons, Department Senior Vice-Commander Harry A. Ely, Department Junior Vice-Commander John T. Oates, Department Inspector Wm. J. S. Dineen, Department Medical Director J. S. Wilson, Department Judge-Advocate A. B. Gilfillan, Department Chaplain W. H. I. Reaney, Department Quartermaster Charles Leimbach. Members of Council of Administration, W. C. Wild, Wm. J. Cunningham, James E. Smith.

William J. Moore, Manhattan No. 1; Edward Treambly, M. D. Russell No. 2; H. A. F. Young, W. H. Hubbell No. 4; B. J. Hunt, Gloucester Naval No. 5; W. F. Myers, Hon. Stephen Sanford No. 6; Daniel Wood, Warren A. Wilson No. 9; S. J. McCoy, Theodore Roosevelt No. 10; Bert Secor, General Eugene Griffin No. 11; Hamilton Ward, Colonel Stephen Y. Scyburn No. 13; Emil Wohler, Emerson H. Liseum No. 14; W. F. Morian, Admiral Schley Naval Squadron No. 16; J. A. Duncan, Admiral Philip Naval No. 18; D. J. Murphy, Old Guard No. 19; F. B. Bardes, Decker No. 20; E. Murray, Colonel H. W. Hubbell No. 24; Torrey A. Ball, R. C. Anderson No. 26; M. J. Reagan, Captain Frank Rockwell Palmer No. 28; W. B. Hotchkin, Defendall No. 36; Jacob J. Dorst, Norman W. Crosby No. 37; John P. Devane, Gen. Guy V. Henry No. 38; C. J. Thorne, Colonel Walter Scott No. 42; G. D. Russell, G. D. Russell No. 43;

J. S. Wilson, Major J. K. Sague No. 44; Saul Caming, Sergeant Hamilton Fish No. 46; E. W. Larkin, Admiral Sampson No. 48; L. J. Pettersen, Naval No. 49; H. P. Hamlin, F. C. Warner No. 52; Jeremiah Hunter, Major Frank Keck No. 53; Hiram C. Todd, Saratoga No. 58; Harry B. Grant, David Wilson No. 59; Paul V. Vandervelde, Hugo E. Kruse No. 61; W. F. Foist, Wm. McKinley No. 62.

Report of Department Commander C. A. Simmons.

COMRADES.—I assure you it is a pleasure again to greet you in Encampment. In spite of the rapid gains which were made in Camp membership last year, further substantial gains have been made this year, and in meeting here we have a two-fold duty devolving upon us; first, to devise ways and means for holding the membership mark we have already attained, and second, to promote such a spirit of comradeship and co-operation as will permit the further expansion of our beloved order.

Having completed two full terms as Commander of the Department of New York, I feel to an unusual degree an interest in its prosperity. I am indeed grateful to those friends who have tried to prevail upon me again to accept re-election, but I feel that there are others who, by reason of their work in the Department and interest in its welfare, are entitled to the highest gift of recognition in your power, and that the work will continue to advance with succeeding administrations.

In order that the incoming officers may have every possible assistance in the conduct of the affairs of office, I shall take pleasure in turning over to my successor the complete mailing lists, letter files and other data which may prove helpful, thereby preventing the necessity of covering the ground a second time at the expense of much labor, a duty which devolved upon me when I first assumed office. No debts are left, and it may be remarked, that by the Comrades of other Departments and by the officers of the National Encampment, the Department of New York is considered one of the best Departments of the United Spanish War Veterans in the entire United States.

This report will be divided into two heads: first, record of events, and second, recommendations.

At the annual Encampment in Niagara Falls last August the officers named below were elected, and the administration has served intact without a single change throughout the year, with the exception of the naming of Comrade F. L. Peiffer as Adjutant in place of William B. Young, Jr., resigned to take the commandership of L. Boardman Smith Camp:

Department Commander.—C. A. Simmons, L. Boardman Smith Camp.

Department Senior Vice-Commander.—Harry A. Ely, Old Guard Camp.

Department Junior Vice-Commander.—John T. Oates, Decker Camp.

Department Inspector.—William J. S. Dineen, W. H. Hubbell Camp.

Department Medical Director.—J. S. Wilson, Major J. K. Sague Camp.

Department Judge-Advocate.—A. B. Gilfillan, Emerson H. Lisicum Camp.

Department Chaplain.—W. H. I. Reaney, Gloucester Naval Camp.

Department Quartermaster.—Charles Leimbach, Neptune Naval Camp.

Department Adjutant.—F. L. Peiffer, L. Boardman Smith Camp.

Department Council of Administration.—H. W. MacBean, Niagara Falls Camp; W. C. Wild, Admiral Schley Naval Squadron; William J. Cunningham, M. D. Russell Camp; Jacob F. Schlag, W. F. Randolph Camp; Albert Gilbert, S. M. Porter Camp; James E. Smith, Captain Frank Rockwell Palmer Camp; Joseph K. Jordan, Major-General R. P. Hughes Camp; Peter J. Krug, Colonel J. W. Vrooman Camp.

During the year in current orders a running summary of the proceedings of the Encampment in Niagara Falls was given for the benefit of such Comrades as found it impossible to attend. A summary of the proceedings of the National Encampment was also published.

Several Camps have held "Class Musters" during the year, with the result that many who are still holding or have held high

rank in the fighting forces of the United States have been enrolled as members of the United Spanish War Veterans. Notably among these was the muster-in to L. Boardman Smith Camp on February 23d of Hon. James W. Wadsworth, Jr., Speaker of the Assembly of the State of New York; Rear Admiral Franklin Hanford, U. S. N. (retired); Lieutenant-Colonel William M. Gilbert, U. S. A. (retired); Major Francis H. Schoeffel, U. S. A. (retired); Captain Murray W. Crosby, formerly of the Third N. Y. V. I., and nineteen others, the muster-in ceremonies being followed by a banquet at which Hon. James G. Cutler, Mayor of Rochester; Hon. Jean Burnett, Chairman of the Cities Committee of the Senate, Hon. George Raines, and others were speakers. Following closely came the muster-in to Old Guard Camp on April 12th of Major-General F. D. Grant, U. S. A.; Rear Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan, U. S. N.; Major Francis Preston Fremont, Colonel John B. Kerr, Lieutenant-Colonel H. S. Robinson, Captain F. G. Knabenshue, James N. Tuckian and B. W. Clendennin, with officers of the Department of New Jersey and other prominent Comrades present.

Frequent receptions and affairs of note were held by Camps in the Department during the year. Such affairs undoubtedly are beneficial in that they call attention to individual Camps and to the work which is being done in our organization.

During the year report has been made to these headquarters of the death of the following Comrades:

John Renner, Co. "F," Signal Corps, U. S. A., L. Boardman Smith Camp No. 25, Rochester.

Dennis Genoli, who served as seaman on several ships in the U. S. Navy for a period of twenty-three years, Gloucester Naval Camp No. 5, Brooklyn.

Henry F. Bours, U. S. S. Vigilant, Gloucester Naval Camp No. 5, Brooklyn.

Walter Lewis, Co. "L," 201st Regiment, Manhattan Camp No. 1, New York city.

Burr D. Eldridge, Wagoner in Co. "H," Third N. Y. V. I., L. Boardman Smith Camp No. 25 Rochester.

Captain Frank G. Smith, Co. "H," Third N. Y. V. I., L. Boardman Smith Camp No. 25, Rochester.

Captain Frank Dewitt Ramsey, U. S. A., Captain Frank Rockwell Palmer Camp No. 28, Albany.

Walter Coleman, Ninth U. S. I., Franklin C. Warner Camp No. 52, Ilion.

Otto Blomsteat, Co. "G," 14th Regiment, N. Y. V. I., Fourteenth Regiment Camp No. 12, Brooklyn.

Arthur Putnam, Co. "G," 2d Regiment, N. Y. V. I., Col. J. W. Vrooman Camp No. 51, Herkimer.

John S. Colwell, Co. "C," 27th N. Y. V. I., W. H. Hubbell Camp No. 4, Brooklyn.

Michael A. Neary, U. S. Marine Corps, Lawton Camp No. 21, Brooklyn.

Robert H. Kirkwood, Co. D, First N. Y. V. I., Captain Frank Rockwell Palmer Camp No. 28, Albany.

Frank O'Brien, Co. "G," Second N. Y. V. I., Franklin C. Warner Camp No. 52, Ilion.

Abe S. Goldstein, First Battalion, U. S. Marine Corps, Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46, New York city.

Junior Vice-Commander George G. Vickery, Co. "D," Third N. Y. V. I., Robert C. Anderson Camp No. 26, Oswego.

Captain William M. Purman, Co. "E," First N. Y. V. I., General Eugene Griffin Camp No. 11, Schenectady.

Robert B. Oliver, 65th Regiment, N. Y. V. I., Emerson H. Liscum Camp No. 14, Buffalo.

Arthur L. Judd, 45th U. S. V. I., Emerson H. Liscum Camp No. 14, Buffalo.

Joseph W. Rheim, Co. "H," 47th N. Y. V. I., W. H. Hubbell Camp No. 4, Brooklyn.

W. E. Burke, U. S. S. Iowa, Admiral Philip Naval Camp No. 18, Brooklyn.

Delegations from Camps to which these Comrades belonged were present at the funerals, and in most cases funeral services were conducted by the officers of Camps.

At the Department Encampment in Niagara Falls last year the Joint City Board of Greater New York was authorized to arrange for a banquet in honor of the safe return and the commendable achievements of Comrade Anthony Fiala, of Brooklyn, who for three years had been at the head of the Ziegler North Pole expe-

dition in the Arctic regions. A banquet, concert and reception took place on November 28, 1905, in the Brooklyn Labor Lyceum. Junior Vice-Commander John T. Oates, Chairman of the Banquet Committee, aided by enthusiastic Comrades, worked hard to insure the success of what proved to be a most delightful affair. Conterno's Eighth U. S. Infantry Band gave a concert, and Miss Kittie Rampone rendered solos. Department Senior Vice-Commander Harry A. Ely presided as toastmaster. The toasts were as follows:

Department Commander C. A. Simmons, "Our Comrades."

Department Chaplain W. H. I. Reaney, "Our Flag, Our Country and the Services of the Volunteers."

Comrade Anthony Fiala, "My Experiences in the Frozen North."

Mrs. Mary Gedney, President-General of the Ladies Auxiliary, "The Ladies Auxiliary."

Past Department Surgeon J. H. Grant, of Buffalo, "Recollections of the Sick Report. Does it Cause Official Regret?"

Comrade Fiala's description of his marvelous escapes from impending disaster and death, privations and final rescue held his audience in rapt attention, and at the conclusion of his recital he was greeted with enthusiastic applause. The banquet was opened with prayer by Rev. W. H. I. Reaney. Department Junior Vice-Commander John T. Oates proposed the health of the President of the United States, which was drunk standing while the band played the National anthem. Among those present from out of town were James E. Smith, Past Commander of Captain Frank Rockwell Palmer Camp of Albany; J. H. Grant, U. S. A. (retired), of Buffalo; H. W. MacBean, Past Commander of Niagara Falls Camp. Great credit is due the Committee of Arrangements, composed of Department Junior Vice-Commander John T. Oates, Chairman, and Commander William F. Morian, of Admiral Schley Naval Squadron, assisted by other enthusiastic Comrades.

During the year the following Camps have been added to membership in the Department of New York:

Herbert L. Tracy Camp No. 55, of Whitehall, mustered in on February 6, 1906, by Comrade William E. Loomis.

Louis W. Carlisle Camp No. 56, of Watertown, mustered in on

February 22, 1906, by Commander Torrey A. Ball, of Robert C. Anderson Camp, Oswego.

William Cary Sanger Camp No. 57, of Ogdensburg, mustered in on March 27, 1906, by Commander G. LeRoy Traver, of Louis W. Carlisle Camp, Watertown.

Saratoga Camp No. 58, of Saratoga Springs, mustered in on March 23, 1906, by Comrade Frank Hoppman, of General Eugene Griffin Camp of Schenectady.

David Wilson Camp No. 59, of New York City, mustered in on April 25, 1906, by Captain Wilson I. Davenny, of Old Guard Camp, New York City.

Captain Allyn Capron Camp No. 60, Olean, mustered in on May 1, 1906, by Past National Judge Advocate Hamilton Ward, Jr., Commander of Col. Stephen Y. Seyburn Camp, Buffalo.

Hugo E. Kruse Camp No. 61, of Corona, L. I., mustered in on April 26, 1906, by Department Quartermaster Charles Leimbach, of Naval Camp, Brooklyn.

William McKinley Camp No. 62, of Brooklyn, mustered in on June 19, 1906, by Department Senior Vice Commander Harry A. Ely, of Old Guard Camp, New York City.

Hoosick Camp No. 63, of Hoosick Falls, mustered in on July 13, 1906, by Col. M. M. Dunsbaugh, of M. D. Russell Camp, Troy.

Reports of the ceremonies incident to the muster-in of these nine camps were made in orders from time to time during the year.

Under the head of recommendations will be found some suggestions for incoming officers regarding fields which may be worked advantageously during the coming year, and it ought not to be difficult to add several Camps to Department membership.

An official visit was paid by Department Commander to Col. J. W. Vrooman Camp, Herkimer, on October 6th, on the occasion of the presentation of a stand of colors to the Camp by Rear Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan, Commandant of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, on behalf of Col. J. W. Vrooman. The Department Commander was also present at Lawton Camp's ball and review on November 25th, at Palm Garden, Brooklyn, at Gen. Eugene Griffin's first presentation of a new form of muster-in ceremony, and at several other functions of Camps throughout the Department.

Early in the year it became evident that many of the Camp officers did not recognize the burden of responsibility which rested upon them in the matter of keeping alive active sentiment and enthusiasm in their Camps, and much of the resultant lack of cohesion was felt at Department Headquarters as a result of laxity in correspondence. This matter was mentioned in Department orders and a list of Camps showing the payment of per capita tax for the last three months of 1905 in the order of payment was published, that Comrades might note how long it took some of the Camps to straighten up their obligations. This evidently had a beneficent influence, and it is a pleasure to report to you that for the most part the officers now in office in Camps in the Department of New York are to be highly commended for the manner in which they attend to correspondence and make out such reports as are requested.

Semi-annual returns for the six months ending June 30, 1906, the report of which will undoubtedly be given to you by the Adjutant of the Department, were for the most part received promptly. In fact there is much to be said in commendation of the work which has been done by individual Camps.

Early in the year Department Inspector Wm. J. S. Dineen gave evidence of the fact that he had not accepted his office with an idea of slighting the possibilities of the position, and the lists of visits which he has made, notice of which was given in orders from time to time, must have convinced the Comrades that he was doing all in his power to aid in the upbuilding of the order through the rendering of assistance to individual Camps. Later you will have an opportunity of hearing his report in full. His enthusiastic work entitles him to high praise. He was assisted by a corps of inspectors, the Department having been divided into four districts for this purpose.

Active workers in the Department of New York were recognized on important committees in the National organization, Department Junior Vice-Commander John T. Oates of Decker Camp No. 20, Stapleton, Staten Island, having been appointed on the Committee on the Revision of Rules and Regulations, and Department Chaplain W. H. I. Reaney of Gloucester Naval Camp No. 5, Brooklyn, on the Committee on Legislation. Commander-in-Chief Charles

R. Miller paid a visit to several Camps in the Department of New York during the year, and stated that he desired me to convey his appreciation of the splendid efforts being made to promote the growth of the order.

Copies of "Civil Service Suggestions to Veterans," prepared by Past Department Adjutant L. T. Fetzer, were mailed under separate cover to the Commander of every Camp in the Department (except Greater New York where distribution had already been made), through the courtesy of the author. His work was entirely a labor of love, and it required a great deal of time and study in order to insure accuracy and to obtain a true interpretation, in an available form, of many decisions, often contradictory, which have been handed down by our courts on this comparatively new and little understood law of Civil Service. Comrade Fetzer was officially thanked for his generosity.

Many Comrades having expressed a desire to aid the Department of California in helping Comrades of the organization needing assistance because of the earthquake, Captain Hamilton Ward, Commander of Col. Stephen Y. Seyburn Camp, Buffalo, was appointed a committee to receive donations which might be made by Camps. A complete stand of colors was forwarded with a suitable inscription, and a report of this will be made to you by Commander Ward.

A strong effort was made by the Judge Advocate and other Department officers to bring about the passage of certain legislation desired in the Department. It must be admitted that efforts in this direction were not entirely satisfactory. A complete report on this subject will undoubtedly be forthcoming from the Judge Advocate. There are a sufficient number of Comrades in the Department well versed in legislative matters to accomplish the desired result if work in this line is systematically taken up at a sufficiently early period to permit the co-operation of the Camps.

Through the courtesy of a former officer of the Department of New York, who is still actively interested in its welfare, Department officers were able to offer a gold medal to the Camp increasing its membership most between the semi-annual return of December 31, 1905, and the semi-annual return June 30, 1906. This handsome medal, suitably engraved, has been placed in the

hands of the Department Quartermaster, and will be issued to the Camp found entitled to it by the Committee on the State of the Organization, to which this matter is now referred.

Several events during the year, such for instance as the visit of Sleight Post 331, G. A. R., to the Major John K. Sague Camp No. 44, U. S. W. V., Poughkeepsie, and the presentation of a handsome American flag to the Camp as an evidence of the esteem of the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, have proven the wisdom of cementing the ties between the members of the Grand Army of the Republic and the United Spanish War Veterans. Co-operation should be the watchword. A grateful Republic turns admiringly to the record of the men who saved the Union in the days of the Civil War, and we of a later conflict, as citizens, admire them, and as soldiers, should fraternize with them. Their ranks are thinning daily and the manifold duties of Memorial Day will in the due course of events fall naturally upon the members of the U. S. W. V. Through orders from these headquarters, attention was called to the importance of Memorial Day observance this year, and reports received indicate that there was a very general observance of the day.

I must not fail to give credit to those officers of the Encampment who have proven their earnest desire for the success of the Department, even though the credit might not redound to them directly. The work of Department Senior Vice-Commander Harry A. Ely and Department Junior Vice-Commander John T. Oates, has been of a high order, always given freely and unselfishly. I have had the earnest support of Comrade Wilson, the Medical Director, of Judge Advocate Gilfillan, Department Chaplain Reaney and Department Adjutant Peiffer. The members of the Council of Administration have also aided in the work.

Purposely I have omitted from the list above the name of Charles Leimbach. I think that no one who has studied his work during the past two years will care to differ with the assertion that Comrade Leimbach deserves a paragraph all by himself. His conscientious efforts in behalf of the Department have resulted in the carrying on of the work of his branch of the administration in a manner which has proven highly acceptable to those who have had to rely upon him. Faithful in the extreme, with a high re-

gard for integrity, and thoroughly believing that his acceptance of the office of Quartermaster called for his best efforts, his work has been at all times such as one might have expected after the splendid showing of last year.

It has been a source of satisfaction to have a corps of enthusiastic associates, and if the Department has grown, or if Camps are satisfied that the efforts which have been made for the upbuilding of the order have been along right lines, no small amount of credit should be given to the Department Vice-Commanders and the others who, through correspondence have constantly kept in touch with the Department Commander, have been free to give splendid advice, and have been indefatigable in their efforts.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. Some friction having been manifest over the formation of a Council in Greater New York, under a clause in the Department Rules and Regulations, it is earnestly suggested that the Department examine carefully the situation and outline a course which will be so thoroughly understood by Comrades throughout the Department that there can be no misinterpretation of the intent of the Rules and Regulations. Several Comrades have given notice that they desire to look over carefully the present Department Rules and Regulations. Typewritten copies have been prepared and these will be distributed to Comrades who are most interested, and to the members of the Committee on Rules and Regulations, and at a later period during the Encampment, a report will be requested of this committee.

2. It is earnestly urged that the Judge-Advocate to be elected at this Encampment immediately proceed with the information contained in the report of the Judge-Advocate to systematize the efforts to obtain favorable legislation, and that this work be undertaken sufficiently early to permit of the issuance of a circular letter by Department Headquarters to all Camps outlining precisely the measures to be advanced, with a request that each Camp Commander in turn issue circular letters to every Comrade in the Camps, giving necessary information and mode of procedure. Lack of co-operation and understanding in such matters is almost sure to nullify the result of considerable labor.

3. Department Judge-Advocate A. Gilfillan has prepared a blank form for reports of Quartermasters of Camps. There has been no systematic manner of making regular statements to Camps of receipts by Quartermasters, and it is earnestly recommended that Camps adopt a uniform blank, thus saving the possibility of mixed financial accounts.

4. The Wm. H. Hubbell Memorial Association during the year has been active in securing subscriptions providing sufficient funds for the erection of a monument in Cypress Hills Cemetery, Brooklyn, over the grave of Comrade W. H. Hubbell, late Colonel of the 47th Volunteer Infantry, and at the time of his death in 1902, Commander-in-Chief of the National Army and Navy Spanish War Veterans, and to whom is due great credit for the amalgamation of Spanish War Veterans' organizations. The object is a worthy one, and where possible Camps throughout the Department should assist this association.

5. Your attention is most respectfully invited to the subject of uniforms. It is safe to venture the assertion that at the National Encampment in Washington in October, there will be the most nondescript collection of uniforms to be seen anywhere on the face of the globe. Everything from the old-fashioned full dress of the Civil War down through the campaign hat and khaki uniform of 1898, to the unobtrusive olive drab of to-day, will shine forth in full bloom, and designations of rank in the service will vie to make themselves apparent with the designations of officerships in Camps. To-day a great body of the Comrades of our order are withholding from the purchase of uniforms because of the vast latitude allowed and the evident lack of decision as to what style of uniform will finally be decided upon as the official uniform of the order. It would seem to be decidedly important that our Comrades be uniformly dressed, and it is urged that a committee prepare a recommendation to be forwarded to the National Encampment as the expression of this Department Encampment.

6. During the year circulars have been issued to Camps for distributions, explaining the purposes of the order and thus aiding in the gaining of recruits. It is recommended that this course be pursued to an even greater degree during the coming year as beneficial results have been apparent.

There is still a considerable field to cover by the formation of new Camps. George Elville, of 214 Catherine street, North, Hamilton, Ontario, formerly a member of Company "F," 8th U. S. I., has been desirous of forming a Camp of United Spanish War Veterans in Hamilton, where it is said there are at least seventy-five American citizens eligible to membership. The permission of the National Encampment has been obtained for the forming of this Camp in Canada, to be attached to the Department of New York, and I have no doubt that the efforts even of the incoming Department officers will speedily result in the formation of this Camp.

The Department Commander has been in communication with John B. Tuck, an attorney of 504 Dillaye Memorial building, Syracuse, with reference to the forming of a Camp in that City. Formerly there were two Camps there, but they are not now in the U. S. W. V. Syracuse is a field which may profitably be worked.

There is no Camp at Newburgh, nor at Hudson. There are veterans enough in each city to form a Camp, and Van Gaasbeck Camp at Kingston was reported inactive a year ago. Lieutenant W. H. Mapes of Newburgh, Captain Albert Salpaugh, Jr., of Catskill, and Past Commander James E. Smith of Albany undoubtedly can be induced to take up actively the matter of the formation of Camps in these places. I have no doubt that the officers of the Major John K. Sague Camp of Poughkeepsie will co-operate in working up a sentiment in this section of the Department.

Through the fault of a former Commander, the G. Reed Wilson Camp of Batavia became inactive. Robert D. Wallace of 509 East Main street, Batavia, who was one of the charter members of the G. Reed Wilson Camp, is anxious to again take up the subject of the formation of a Camp in Batavia, and I apprehend little difficulty in the re-establishment of a Camp there.

Joseph K. Jordan of the Department Council of Administration, a member of Major General R. P. Hughes Camp of Buffalo, has stated that it would be possible to form a Camp in Lockport.

John Grimm of Dansville, N. Y., has written to Department

Headquarters a letter in which he states that it is his opinion a Camp might be started in that place.

Department Junior Vice-Commander John T. Oates has been working along lines of a new Camp to be composed of Comrades residing in Glen Cove, Oyster Bay and Sea Cliff, Long Island, and this will doubtlessly materialize shortly.

Comrade Walter F. C. Tichborne has suggested the formation of a Camp in Portchester, and he can furnish information as how best to bring about the awakening of enthusiasm there.

Department Headquarters has also heard from men who are in the regular army stationed at Fort Porter, Buffalo, stating that they desire to form a Camp composed entirely of men still in the service.

So much other work has presented itself that all of the places mentioned above could not receive attention by the Administration during the year. It will be seen that the field for growth is still wide.

7. National Encampment having determined to keep on file a list of Comrades of Camps, it is earnestly recommended that great care be taken by Camp officers to advise both Department and National Headquarters of changes in Camp membership, mentioning losses through death or otherwise, as well as gains.

8. The Department Inspector in his visits has laid particular stress on the rendering of the unwritten work, countersigns and paroles. It is recommended that Department officers continue to call this to the attention of Camp officers.

9. A suggestion has been submitted to the Department Commander by Wm. F. Morgan, formerly of the Department Council of Administration. Briefly stated the plan is that in larger cities where there are more than two Camps, the territory be divided into districts, and that Camps thus have specified bounds within which to recruit.

The suggestion was made in a spirit that the success of Camps and fraternizing of Comrades result in better Camps through their being local in scope than where they are much larger, but where many of the Comrades live at a distance from the meeting places. The success of Camps, it must be admitted, is not particularly in their large muster rolls, but in the fraternal spirit that

binds the few or many who rally to the standard, the frequent meeting and association of Comrades, and the assistance which one Comrade can be to another.

Comrade Morgan suggests that Camps could control in a measure the eligible recruits in their districts. Wherever it is learned that there is a recruit who is not a member, he could be recommended to the Camp nearest his home (he may not even know of its existence). In case the recruit objects to joining a specified Camp within his territory, permission could then be asked of the Camp in the district to muster him into the Camp where he applied for membership. It is argued in favor of this plan that members of the Camp in a given district are likely to know of the character of a recruit, his habits, etc., and to a better degree be able to determine the kind of a member he would make, than could any committee which might be assigned to investigate his application for membership. A Comrade who comes within the Order attends a meeting once or twice a month, sees strange faces at each meeting, and does not feel at home, soon tires of traveling the distance, loses interest, stays away and is often finally dropped from membership for non-payment of dues.

10. Care should be taken in the selection of delegates to the National Encampment to try and find Comrades who will be able to attend, thus insuring a large representation of the Department of New York at this important gathering. A resolution amending the constitution relating to representation at the National Encampment was adopted in Milwaukee last year providing that each Camp should be represented by one delegate and have one additional delegate for each one hundred members or major fraction thereof, the Department to have four delegates at large. If a Department desires to elect all of its delegates at large instead of from Camps, this may be done.

In conclusion, permit me to call your attention to the generosity exhibited by the Comrades of Captain Frank Rockwell Palmer Camp in extending an invitation that the Department Encampment again, within a period of two years, be held in Albany. Knowing as I do many of the individual members of the Captain Frank Rockwell Palmer Camp, I have no doubt that the arrange-

ments which have been made for your entertainment are as complete as it is possible to make them. Owing to the fact that last year the Encampment was held in the western portion of New York State, it seemed wise this year to hold the Encampment in the eastern portion of the State, and as it did not seem to the best advantage to meet within the boundaries of Greater New York, and as the Camps in that vicinity expressed some little doubt of their ability to entertain the Department delegates at this particular time, the action of the Albany Comrades was most courteous, is deserving of especial mention at this time, and on behalf of the Department, I desire to thank officially the Comrades of Captain Frank Rockwell Palmer Camp.

Comrades, we have assembled to transact such business as may properly be brought to the attention of the delegates. We should proceed in a dignified and thoroughly fraternal manner, having in mind at all times the spirit of Freedom, Patriotism and Humanity, which are the foundations upon which our Order is established. As brothers, we should work together in harmony, and I know it is the fervent wish of the Comrades who are most interested in the welfare of the organization that the deliberations of this body should be along lines which will aid in the upbuilding and permanent growth of the Department of New York.

During the year now drawing to a close it has been the purpose of the Department Commander to perform his duties conscientiously, and in so far as was possible, to settle each question brought before him solely with regard to its merits and not along lines of personal friendship. A considerable amount of work has been necessary, and this has been given freely in the hope that it might knit closer the units making up the Department, and result in an organization of which we all might be proud. It is not claimed for the officers of this administration that mistakes have not been made, but the work has been done willingly and a continued devotion to what has seemed the best interests of the organization has apparently resulted in some gains.

Such persistence as has been found necessary may have resulted in antagonism to these efforts, but I desire to assure you that the

spirit in which the work was done was far from any desire to show in any degree any personal animus toward any one. It has simply been the carrying out of the principle contained in a little verse which has from time to time recurred to me. It runs:

“Upon a door I saw a sign,
I cried, ‘A motto and it’s mine’;
No wiser thing I ever saw,
No Median or Persian law
Should be more rigidly enforced
Than this, from verbiage divorced,
It’s logic sound as any rock,
‘Push, don’t knock.’”

In the hope that the growth in our Department may be permanent, and wishing the greatest prosperity to the Department of New York and the incoming administration, and assuring you of continued loyalty and interest in the welfare of the Department, I am,

Most fraternally,

(Signed) C. A. SIMMONS,

Department Commander, U. S. W. V.

Report of Department Adjutant F. L. Peiffer.

COMRADES: As Adjutant of the Department it has been my privilege during the past year to be in close touch with the Adjutants and many of the Commanders, and I desire to add my voice to that of the Commander in appreciation of the marked response which has been made to the appeal for closer attention on the part of Camp officers to the matter of answering Camp correspondence.

During the year eleven General Orders have been issued from Department Headquarters, and in them many matters have been brought to your attention. These General Orders are a part of the records of the organization, and inasmuch as the Department Commander has framed his report in such a manner as to permit of the rendering of recommendations on many of the subjects which were mentioned, I will not, at this time, go into further detail. Following is a table showing the dates of the issuance of

Orders this year as compared with that of last year:

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF ORDERS.

Series 1904-5.		Series 1905-6.	
G. O. 1.	Issued August 31, 1904..	Issued August 31, 1905.	
G. O. 2.	Issued November 10, 1904.	Issued September 30, 1905.	
G. O. 3.	Issued January 5, 1905..	Issued November 11, 1905.	
G. O. 4.	Issued February 7, 1905.	Issued December 14, 1905.	
G. O. 5.	Issued March 21, 1905...	Issued February 19, 1906.	
G. O. 6.	Issued May 8, 1905.....	Issued March 3, 1906.	
G. O. 7.	Issued July 3, 1905.....	Issued April 3, 1906.	
G. O. 8.	Issued July 22, 1905....	Issued April 28, 1906.	
G. O. 9.	Issued August 5, 1905...	Issued June 2, 1906.	
G. O. 10.	.....	Issued July 1, 1906.	
G. O. 11.	.....	Issued July 27, 1906.	

Semi-annual return blanks received from Camps in the Department of New York show that an increase has been made during the past six months in a majority of Camps. A table giving the Camps in the order of their numbers, and showing a comparison between the figures reported the first of the year and on the semi-annual return of a few weeks ago, may be of interest to you, and is therefore given:

No.	Camp.	Place.		
1.	Manhattan	New York City.....	260	295
2.	M. D. Russell.....	Troy	62	77
3.	T. H. Barber.....	Binghamton	45	45
4.	W. H. Hubbell.....	Brooklyn	187	230
5.	Gloucester Naval.....	Brooklyn	124	132
6.	Hon. Stephen Sanford.....	Amsterdam	50	50
7.	Niagara Falls	Niagara Falls.....	52	64
8.	Wm. R. Carmer.....	Mt. Vernon.....	24	25
9.	Warren A. Wilson.....	Glens Falls	46	44
10.	Theodore Roosevelt.....	New York City.....	60	71
11.	Gen. Eugene Griffin.....	Schenectady	75	59
12.	Fourteenth Regiment.....	Brooklyn	77	77
13.	Col. Stephen Y. Seyburn.....	Buffalo	71	85
14.	Emerson H. Liscum.....	Buffalo	80	76
15.	Bucky O'Neill	Buffalo	20	20
16.	Admiral Schley	Brooklyn	93	111
17.	Maj.-Genl. Robert P. Hughes...	Buffalo	28	30
18.	Admiral Phillip Naval.....	Brooklyn	73	79
19.	Old Guard.....	New York City.....	130	146
20.	Joseph S. Decker.....	Staten Island.....	30	30
21.	Lawton	Brooklyn	125	125

No.	Camp.	Place.		
22.	Capron	Brooklyn	51	49
23.	James M. Jarvis.....	New York City.....	75	85
24.	Col. H. W. Hubbell.....	New York City.....	53	51
25.	L. Boardman Smith.....	Rochester	230	233
26.	Robert C. Anderson.....	Oswego	52	62
27.	Wallace F. Randolph.....	Yonkers	49	51
28.	Capt. Frank Rockwell Palmer..	Albany	105	110
29.	W. S. Overton, Jr.....	Whitestone	25	25
30.	Neptune Naval.....	Brooklyn	86	72
31.	Griffin Engineers.....	New York City.....	48	48
32.	Alfred C. Weller.....	Middletown	39	38
33.	E. H. Liscum.....	Utica	68	76
34.	Henry J. Reilly.....	Brooklyn	74	61
35.	Oscar Ross Wheeler.....	Utica	40	39
36.	Defendam	New York City.....	53	70
37.	Norman W. Crosby.....	New Rochelle.....	27	27
38.	Gen. Guy V. Henry.....	New York City.....	78	80
39.	Major Louis B. Lawton.....	Auburn	56	58
40.	E. M. Hoffman.....	Elmira	38	42
41.	Bruso Chauncey.....	Buffalo	14	16
42.	Col. Walter Scott.....	Oneonta	40	42
43.	G. D. Russell.....	Brooklyn	50	64
44.	Major John K. Sague.....	Poughkeepsie	79	86
45.	Samuel M. Porter.....	Jamestown	57	57
46.	Sergeant Hamilton Fish.....	New York City.....	50	58
47.	Baron Steuben.....	Hornellsville	23	24
48.	Admiral Sampson.....	Brooklyn	17	19
49.	Naval	Brooklyn	33	39
50.	Medina	Medina	28	27
51.	Col. J. W. Vrooman.....	Herkimer	36	40
52.	Franklin C. Warner.....	Ilion	34	35
53.	Major Frank Keek.....	New York City.....	50	59
54.	Gen. Francis V. Greene.....	Tonawanda	30	24
55.	Herbert L. Tracy*.....	Whitehall	..	25
56.	Louis W. Carlisle*.....	Watertown	..	36
57.	Wm. Cary Sanger*.....	Ogdensburg	..	11
58.	Saratoga*	Saratoga Springs....	..	46
59.	David Wilson*.....	New York City.....	..	13
60.	Captain Allyn Capron*.....	Olean	..	36
61.	Hugo E. Kruse*.....	Corona, L. I.....	..	14
62.	Wm. McKinley*.....	Brooklyn	..	22
63.	Hoosick*	Hoosick Falls.....	..	27

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*Formed during six months ending with June 30, 1906.

A table showing the growth of the organization somewhat more in detail is also given herewith:

CAMP	Number in Camp June 30, 1905	Number in Camp Jan. 1, 1906	Net gain for six months	Net loss for six months	Number in Camp Jan. 1, 1906	Number in Camp June 30, 1906	Net gain for six months	Net loss for six months
Manhattan, No. 1.....	276	260	.....	16	230	235	35	.....
M. D. Russell, No. 2.....	60	62	2	.....	62	77	15	.....
T. H. Barber, No. 3.....	42	45	3	.....	45	45	.....	.....
W. H. Hubbell, No. 4.....	352	187	.....	165	187	230	43	.....
Gloucester, Naval, No. 5.....	118	124	6	.....	124	132	8	.....
Hon. Stephen Sanford, No. 6.....	50	50	.....	.....	50	50	.....	.....
Niagara Falls, No. 7.....	64	52	.....	12	52	64	12	.....
Wm. R. Carmer, No. 8.....	21	24	3	.....	24	25	1	.....
Warren A. Wilson, No. 9.....	49	46	.....	3	46	44	.....	2
Theodore Roosevelt, No. 10.....	86	60	.....	26	60	71	11	.....
Gen. Eugene Griffin, No. 11.....	77	75	.....	2	75	59	.....	16
Fourteenth Regiment, No. 12.....	72	77	5	.....	77	77	.....	.....
Col. Stephen Y. Seyburn, No. 13.....	77	71	.....	6	71	85	14	.....
Emerson H. Liscum, No. 14.....	76	80	4	.....	80	76	.....	4
Bucky O'Neill, No. 15.....	30	20	.....	10	20	20	.....	.....
Ad. Schley Nav. Squad, No. 16.....	108	93	.....	15	93	111	18	.....
Maj.-Gen. R. P. Hughes, No. 17.....	28	28	.....	.....	28	30	2	.....
Admiral Philip, Naval, No. 18.....	72	73	1	.....	73	79	6	.....
Old Guard, No. 19.....	110	130	20	.....	130	146	16	.....
Joseph S. Decker, No. 20.....	31	30	.....	1	30	30	.....	.....
Lawton, No. 21.....	110	125	15	.....	125	125	.....	.....
Capron, No. 22.....	40	51	11	.....	51	49	.....	2
James M. Jarvis, No. 23.....	88	75	.....	13	75	85	10	.....
Col. H. W. Hubbell, No. 24.....	42	53	11	.....	53	51	.....	2
L. Boardman Smith, No. 25.....	361	230	.....	131	230	233	3	.....
Robert C. Anderson, No. 26.....	50	52	2	.....	52	62	10	.....
Wallace F. Randolph, No. 27.....	37	49	12	.....	49	51	2	.....
Capt. Frank Rockwell Palmer, No. 28.....	151	105	.....	46	105	110	5	.....
W. S. Overton, Jr., No. 29.....	31	25	.....	6	25	25	.....	.....
Neptune, Naval, No. 30.....	147	86	.....	61	86	72	.....	14
Griffin Engineers, No. 31.....	51	48	.....	3	48	48	.....	.....
Alfred C. Weller, No. 32.....	36	38	2	.....	38	38	.....	.....
E. H. Liscum, No. 33.....	77	68	.....	9	68	76	8	.....
Henry J. Reilly, No. 34.....	55	74	19	.....	74	61	.....	13
Oscar Ross Wheeler, No. 35.....	40	40	.....	.....	40	39	.....	1
Defendam, No. 36.....	39	53	14	.....	53	70	17	.....
Norman W. Crosby, No. 37.....	35	27	.....	8	27	27	.....	.....
Gen. Guy V. Henry, No. 38.....	84	78	.....	6	78	80	2	.....
Major Louis B. Lawton, No. 39.....	45	56	11	.....	56	58	2	.....
E. M. Hoffman, No. 40.....	24	38	14	.....	38	42	4	.....
Bruso Chauncey, No. 41.....	14	14	.....	.....	14	16	2	.....
Col. Walter Scott, No. 42.....	37	40	3	.....	40	42	2	.....
G. D. Russell, No. 43.....	47	50	3	.....	50	64	14	.....
Major John K. Sague, No. 44.....	67	79	12	.....	79	86	7	.....
Samuel M. Porter, No. 45.....	57	57	.....	.....	57	57	.....	.....
Sergt. Hamilton Fish, No. 46.....	57	50	.....	7	50	58	8	.....
Baron Steuben, No. 47.....	23	23	.....	.....	23	24	1	.....
Admiral Sampson, No. 48.....	14	17	3	.....	17	19	2	.....
Naval, No. 49.....	18	33	15	.....	33	39	6	.....
Medina, No. 50.....	24	28	4	.....	28	27	.....	1
Col. J. W. Vrooman, No. 51.....	37	36	.....	1	36	40	4	.....
Franklin C. Warner, No. 52.....	25	34	9	.....	34	35	1	.....
Major Frank Keck, No. 53.....	30	50	20	.....	50	59	9	.....
Gen. Francis V. Greene, No. 54.....	30	30	.....	.....	30	24	.....	6
Herbert L. Tracy, No. 55*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	25	.....
Louis W. Carlisle, No. 56*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36	36	.....
Wm. Cary Sanger, No. 57*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	11	.....
Saratoga, No. 58*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	46	46	.....
David Wilson, No. 59*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	13	.....
Captain Allyn Capron, No. 60*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36	36	.....
Hugo E. Kruse, No. 61.....*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	14	.....
Wm. McKinley, No. 62*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22	22	.....
Hoosick, No. 63.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27	27	.....
	3822	3499	224	517	3490	3919	530	61

* Formed during six month ending with June 30 1906

SUMMARY.

Total number of Comrades reported June 30, 1905.....	3,822
Total number of Comrades reported January 1, 1906....	3,499
Net loss	323
Total number of Comrades reported January 1, 1906....	3,499
Total number of Comrades reported June 30, 1906.....	3,968
Net gain	469
Net gain of Comrades reported June 30, 1906, over number of Comrades reported June 30, 1905.....	146

These figure are compiled from the semi-annual returns submitted by Camps, except in the case of Fourteenth Regiment Camp. It was necessary in this specific case to take the figures forwarded on January 1, 1906, for the June 30, 1906 report.

The Department Commander in his report has given you a list of the new Camps which have been formed. It was considerably more difficult this year to organize new Camps than it was last year, so much of the field having been covered, and so much of the available material having already been added to the rolls of the organization. It is, therefore, a matter of pride to the officers at Department Headquarters to be able to report that during the year nine Camps were organized. All of them are in an active and apparently healthy state and good work may be expected of them.

Since the compilation of General Order No. 11, the last to be issued from Headquarters in the Series 1905-06, by this administration, report has been made by Jerome P. Fining, Adjutant of Col. H. W. Hubbell Camp No. 24, New York city of the death of Past Commander Sebastian P. Hughes, which occurred July 25th, burial being made at St. Peter's Cemetery, Jersey City, N. J. The Comrades of the Camp turned out in a body to pay final honors, and a firing squad of marines and Sergeant from the Marine Barracks, Brooklyn Navy Yard, rendered military honors.

Past Commander Hughes was organizer of Col. H. W. Hubbell Camp, and was a faithful worker. He was Commander of the Camp until the first of last May, since which time he has been failing rapidly in health. Through his death, the Camp, the Department of New York and the National organization has lost an earnest, conscientious worker, and the sympathy of Headquarters and Comrades throughout the Department is extended to the family of our deceased Comrade and the members of Col. H. W. Hubbell Camp.

Since the last order was issued from these Headquarters, word has also been received of the sad death on July 28th of Samuel Weil, one of the most popular Comrades in Niagara Falls Camp No. 7, as a result of an accident. He had served as Officer of the Day in his Camp, and at all times had the welfare of the organization at heart. Among many social and fraternal relations he held the United Spanish War Veterans dearest to his heart, and the Comrades of his Camp paid honors at his funeral. As a member of the 42d Separate Company he volunteered in 1898 for the War with Spain, and served as a member of "E" Company, Third New York Volunteer Infantry. The sympathy of Headquarters and Comrades throughout the Department is extended to the family of our deceased Comrade, and the members of Niagara Falls Camp.

My association with the Comrades of the various Camps through my duties as Department Adjutant has led me to believe that our organization is destined to become stronger numerically and in the hearts of the public than we at the present time hardly dare to hope. The principles of the organization are of the best. The men who compose the different Camps are patriots, one and all, and I have no doubt that when the organization is but a few years older, that many members who to-day are somewhat lax in their Camp duties, will be glad to be numbered Comrades in good standing in the ranks of the United Spanish War Veterans.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK,
UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., *August 31, 1905.*

General Orders No. 1.

I. Having been re-elected Commander of the Department of New York, U. S. W. V., the position is accepted with due appreciation of the high honor conferred by comrades of the Department. No details will be neglected by Department officers in up-building the organization, and a united effort should be made by all Camp Commanders to promote a stalwart membership.

Department Adjutant and Quartermaster.

II. William B. Young, Jr., of L. Boardman Smith Camp No. 25, Rochester, is hereby appointed Adjutant. Communications intended for him should be sent to State Armory, Rochester, N. Y.

III. Charles Leimbach of Admiral Sampson Camp No. 48, Brooklyn, is hereby reappointed Department Quartermaster. Communications intended for him should be sent to 40 Cumberland St., Brooklyn.

Delegates to National Encampment.

IV. The following delegates were elected by the Department Encampment to the National Encampment in Milwaukee, September 7, 8 and 9:

Hamilton Ward, Jr., Col. S. Y. Seyburn Camp No. 13, Buffalo.

John T. Ryan, Maj. R. P. Hughes Camp No. 17, Buffalo.

Harry A. Ely, Old Guard Camp No. 19, New York City.

George W. McCune, M. D. Russell Camp No. 2, Troy.

John H. Grant, E. H. Liscum Camp No. 14, Buffalo.

Frank Wall, Col. S. Y. Seyburn Camp No. 13, Buffalo.

LeRoy Skinner, Medina Camp No. 50, Medina.

A. B. Sanford, Oscar Ross Wheeler Camp No. 35, Utica.

Frank Johnson, E. H. Liscum Camp No. 14, Buffalo.

A. B. Gilfillan, E. H. Liscum Camp No. 14, Buffalo.

John Trumpfeller, Col. S. Y. Seyburn Camp No. 31, Buffalo.

W. B. Hotchkin, Defendam Camp No. 36, New York City.

Louis Hettrick, Maj. Gen. R. P. Hughes Camp No. 17, Buffalo.

H. A. F. Young, W. H. Hubbell Camp No. 4, Brooklyn.

H. W. MacBean, Niagara Falls Camp No. 7, Niagara Falls.

Fred Lempke, Col. S. Y. Seyburn Camp, No. 13, Buffalo.

Edward W. Kellf, Manhattan Camp No. 1, New York City.

James S. Long, Major Frank Keck Camp No. 53, New York City.

Benjamin Peate, H. J. Reilly Camp No. 34, Brooklyn.

John J. O'Rourke, Decker Camp No. 20, Stapleton.

F. C. Kuehnle, Theodore Roosevelt Camp No. 10, New York City.

M. J. Halblaub, Brusco Chauncey Camp No. 41, Buffalo.

Albert Gilbert, S. M. Porter Camp No. 45, Jamestown.

Fred Elbers, Bucky O'Neill Camp No. 15, Buffalo.

John Schuck, Col. S. Y. Seyburn Camp No. 13, Buffalo.

W. L. Judson, Col. S. Y. Seyburn Camp No. 13, Buffalo.

Edward Brenner, Maj. Gen. R. P. Hughes Camp No. 17, Buffalo.

Thomas Boyd, Col. S. Y. Seyburn Camp No. 13, Buffalo.

D. J. Murphy, Old Guard Camp No. 19, New York City.

Albert D. Smith, Gen. F. V. Greene Camp No. 54, North Tonawanda.

Peter J. Krug, Col. J. W. Vrooman Camp No. 51, Herkimer.

Lucien B. Green, Col. S. Y. Leyburn Camp No. 13, Buffalo.

E. N. Walbridge, L. Boardman Smith Camp No. 25, Rochester.

John Lyons, Gen. Guy V. Henry Camp No. 38, New York City.

James F. Court, Old Guard Camp No. 19, New York City.

L. T. Fetzner, Manhattan Camp No. 1, New York City.

F. W. Christman, Col. J. W. Vrooman Camp No. 51, Herkimer.

James McGurdy, Maj. Gen. R. P. Hughes Camp No. 17, Buffalo.

C. W. Fulton, T. H. Barber Camp, No. 3, Binghamton.

John D. Casey, Col. S. Y. Seyburn Camp No. 13, Buffalo.

George F. Tighe, Manhattan Camp No. 1, New York City.

Alfred Hahn, E. H. Liscum Camp No. 14, Buffalo.

The selection of these comrades as the representatives of the Department of New York was decided upon after careful consideration, and it is to be hoped that the comrades named will be

able to attend. Many matters of great moment to the organization will be considered at this gathering, and the Department of New York should be represented by its full quota. Any comrades named as a delegate who for any reason may not be able to attend, should at once endeavor to persuade another comrade to go from the Camp to which the delegate belongs, and such delegates should report in writing to Comrade Hamilton Ward, Jr., Erie County Bank Building, Buffalo, N. Y., or to him in person after arrival in Milwaukee.

V. As Chairman of the Nominating Committee of the recent Encampment at Niagara Falls, Comrade Hamilton Ward, Jr., is hereby authorized to prepare credential blanks for delegates from the Department of New York to the National Encampment.

Rates to Milwaukee.

VI. A rate of a fare and one-third has been granted to Milwaukee and return.

Comrades when purchasing tickets to Milwaukee will pay full fare one way and *obtain from the ticket agent trunk line certificates*. These are to be handed in at the Encampment and *vised*, and upon presentation of them at the ticket office for the return trip, holders are entitled to one-third fare.

Advantage of differential rates may be secured by comrades who take the West Shore road from points in New York State to Buffalo. Wabash from Buffalo to Chicago. C. M. & St. P. from Chicago to Milwaukee.

Comrades may ascertain advantageous hours for leaving home stations by inquiry of local ticket agents.

Tickets good for the reduced fare granted on account of the Milwaukee Encampment, will be sold September 4th to 7th, and will be honored for return trip until September 13th.

Some comrades will leave Buffalo, Tuesday night, September 5th, via Detroit boat, arriving in Detroit at 8 A. M., Wednesday, and joining Detroit comrades on a special train from that city.

Niagara Falls Encampment.

VII. It will not be the policy of the present administration to print in pamphlet form (thus causing needless expense), the full

proceedings of the Department Encampment at Niagara Falls, August 21st and 22d. Delegates from the various Camps will make reports to their Camps, and the proceedings will be put in typewritten form for ready reference at any time.

On the other hand, mention will be made in brief of the business transacted at this most successful Encampment, in general orders from time to time, as space permits.

The Encampment was called to order by Department Commander C. A. Simmons at 10 A. M., August 21st. Sessions were held in-convention hall of the Natural Food Corporation.

Prayer was offered by Department Chaplain, W. H. I. Reaney.

Commander H. W. MacBean of Niagara Falls Camp, delivered address of welcome and introduced Mayor O. W. Cutler of Niagara Falls, who addressed the delegates and welcomed them heartily.

Reply delivered by Department Commander Simmons.

Commander F. S. Couchman of L. Boardman Smith Camp No. 25, appointed Adjutant *pro tem*.

Report of Department Commander C. A. Simmons read. In this report attention was called to laxity of Adjutants and Commanders of some Camps with reference to communications from Department Headquarters. The organization of new Camps in the Department during the past year was discussed and an appeal made to Comrades to continue their work in upbuilding the organization. Reference was made to several Camps which because of inactivity had been dropped from the rolls. The work of Department Quartermaster Charles Leimbach, and the work of Comrades Thomas F. Lynch, Harry A. Ely, John T. Oates and others, who had been active in carrying out the policies of the administration, was called to the favorable attention of the delegates. Attention was directed to the wisdom of the formation of Auxiliaries throughout the Department, information concerning which can be obtained by addressing Mrs. Wm. B. Young, Jr., 34 Edmonds street, Rochester, who is Department President. The suggestion was made that rifle clubs be formed in the various Camps, and that a Civil Service Manual, prepared by Past Department Adjutant L. T. Fetzer, be distributed.

The report of E. A. Burkhardt, Adjutant of the Department, also called attention to laxity of Adjutants of certain Camps in carrying on official correspondence, and gave a summary of statistics compiled from the semi-annual reports of Camps. This report outlined the institution of the Col. J. W. Vrooman Camp No. 51 of Herkimer; the Franklin C. Warner Camp No. 52 of Illion; and the Major Frank Keck Camp No. 53 of New York City, which had been mustered in since the last General Order was published.

The report of Department Quartermaster Charles Leimbach showed receipts during the year of \$1,046.33, disbursements of \$970.12, and cash balance on hand of \$76.21. Camps reported in arrears were the Alfred C. Weller Camp No. 32 of Middletown, and the Baron Steuben Camp No. 47, of Hornellsville. The Council of Administration, to which this report was referred, presented a report congratulating the Department on having had such a competent and painstaking official in the person of Department Quartermaster Leimbach, and reported that they had audited his books and found them correct.

The following committees were appointed:

Committee on the State of the Organization: Comrades J. H. Grant, Samuel McCoy, J. F. Schlechter, James G. McMurray, Frank Hoppman.

Committee on Credentials: Comrades Charles Leimbach, W. Fenton Myers, A. J. Kennedy.

Committee on Finance: Comrade W. F. Foist, F. O. Seymour, A. J. Kennedy, W. C. Wild, R. D. Higgins, W. F. Morgan, J. T. Oates, B. J. Fagan.

Committee on Appeals and Grievances: Comrades Hamilton Ward, Jr., W. F. Morian, J. E. Smith.

Committee on Legislation: Comrades Maurice Simmons, John T. Ryan, J. L. Whitley, W. J. S. Dineen, Frank Keck.

Committee on Miscellaneous Matters: Comrades John T. Oates, H. A. F. Young, W. F. C. Tichborne.

Committee on Rules: Comrades W. Fenton Myers, Allen E. Billings, F. C. Kuehnle.

Reception Committee: Comrades J. P. Matheis, Maurice Simmons, W. F. Morian, Charles Leimbach, J. F. Schlag.

Committee to Answer Telegram of Greeting from Commander-in-Chief William B. English: Comrades Harry A. Ely, F. Judson Hess and John F. Schlechter.

The report of Department Inspector W. Fenton Myers showed that a very important work had been done by that official and his assistants. The number of Camps officially inspected was 44, the aggregate membership in good standing of which at the time of inspection was 2,984, with an aggregate attendance at time of inspection of 2,221. The number of Camps having members uniformed was reported to be 27, and the number of uniformed Comrades in the Department, 895. Total amount of personal property owned by the several Camps inspected, amounted in value to the sum of \$6,108.76, and other assets to the sum of \$4,391.89. Twenty camps during the past year were reported to have expended for relief the sum of \$912.30. This report was referred to the Committee on the State of the Organization, which rendered a report commending the work accomplished by the Inspector during the last year.

The report of Department Judge Advocate Loyal L. Davis, showed that a considerable amount of work had been done during the past year concerning the approval or interpretation of by-laws of Camps. A bill introduced by Hon. Frank L. Stevens of Hoosick Falls, to extend to veterans of the War with Spain the right to procure free licenses to peddle, a right heretofore enjoyed by veterans of the Civil War, became a law. The fate of the Poor Law bill, which was introduced by Hon. Thomas D. Lewis of Fulton, Oswego county, was commented upon at length. The suggestion was made that hereafter all proposed bills should be submitted to the Department Commander and Judge Advocate for approval at as early a date as possible, in order that they may be placed in shape for action at an early period in the session of the Legislature. This allows plenty of opportunity, in case opposition arises, to organize effective support.

The Committee on Legislation recommended that the Encampment extend to Hon. Thomas D. Lewis of Fulton, Oswego county, and to our Comrade, Hon. Frank L. Stevens of Hoosick Falls, Rensselaer county, appreciation of gratitude for their unremitting

and devoted labors in behalf of the Comrades in the introduction and advocacy of measures furthering the welfare of the Comrades.

At 12 M. the session was adjourned until 2 P. M.

Further details of the Encampment will be published in a future General Order.

Photographs of Delegates.

VIII. Headquarters has been notified that through accident, the list of delegates to the Department Encampment has been lost by the photographer who took group pictures on Monday, August 21st. In view of this fact it has been deemed wise to notify the delegates of the facts in the case, and let them communicate directly with Henry F. Schmul, "The Niagara Art Union," 233 First Street, Niagara Falls, N. Y., concerning orders, payments, etc.

By order,

C. A. SIMMONS,

Department Commander.

Official:

WM. B. YOUNG, JR.,

Department Adjutant,

State Armory, Rochester, N. Y.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK,

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., *September 30, 1905.*

General Orders No. 2.

Recent National Encampment.

I. It is a matter of satisfaction that the National Encampment at Milwaukee, September 7th, 8th and 9th, was the most successful national gathering of its kind that has been held since the War with Spain. Business of considerable interest to the organization was transacted, and these officers were elected:

Commander-in-Chief, Charles R. Miller, Cleveland, Ohio.

Senior Vice Commander, John D. Howland, Buffalo, N. Y.

Junior Vice Commander, E. E. Kirk, San Francisco, Cal.

Judge-Advocate General, John T. Ryan, Buffalo, N. Y.

Surgeon General, Charles D. Camp, Chicago, Ill.

Chaplain-in-Chief, W. H. I. Reaney, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Pay-master General, M. McKay, Litchfield, Ill.

Commissary General, Philip Schumacher, Jefferson City, Mo.

Chief of Engineers, C. F. Kraemer, Cleveland, Ohio.

Chief Signal Officer, Patrick Bradley, San Francisco, Cal.

Chief of Ordnance, H. E. Davis, Butte, Montana.

Chief of Artillery, Frank F. Jones, Scranton, Pa.

Chief Mustering Officer, Wm. H. Zuehlke, Appleton, Wis.

Historian, J. Walter Mitchell, Washington, D. C.

These comrades from the Department of New York were elected members of the Council of Administration:

Dr. John H. Grant, E. H. Liscum Camp No. 14, Buffalo.

Geo. Von Kromer, J. S. Decker Camp No. 20, Stapleton.

E. N. Walbridge, L. Boardman Smith Camp No. 25, Rochester.

Those present representing the Department of New York were: Hamilton Ward, Col. S. Y. Seyburn Camp No. 13, Buffalo; John T. Ryan, Maj. Gen. R. P. Hughes Camp No. 17, Buffalo; John H. Grant, E. H. Liscum Camp No. 14, Buffalo; A. B. Gilfillan, E. H. Liscum Camp No. 14, Buffalo; John Nowak, Col. S. Y. Seyburn Camp No. 13, Buffalo; John J. O'Rourke, Decker Camp No. 20, Stapleton; James McGurdy, Maj. Gen. R. P. Hughes Camp No. 17, Buffalo; E. N. Walbridge, L. Boardman Smith Camp No. 25, Rochester; George Allen, L. Boardman Smith Camp No. 25, Rochester; S. A. Beckwith, L. Boardman Smith Camp No. 25, Rochester; John D. Howland, Col. S. Y. Seyburn Camp No. 13, Buffalo; W. F. C. Tichborne, W. R. Carmer Camp No. 8, Mt. Vernon; Rev. W. H. I. Reaney, Gloucester Naval Camp No. 5, Brooklyn; J. T. Oates, J. S. Decker Camp, No. 20, Stapleton.

Business Transacted.

II. Many matters of importance to the National organization were acted upon. A resolution was adopted that hereafter all official printing be in black or blue on white paper.

A resolution amending the constitution relating to representation at the National Encampment, was adopted, providing that each Camp should be represented by one delegate and have one

additional delegate for each one hundred members or major fraction thereof, the Department to have four delegates at large. If a Department desires to elect all of its delegates at large instead of from Camps, this course must be determined through its Council of Administration prior to June 1, 1906.

A committee is to be named to revise the Rules and Regulations.

A summary of the reports of officers for the past year shows the state of the organization to be as follows: Total number of Camps from old organization: Spanish War Veterans, 57; Spanish-American Veterans, 50; Service Men, 8; number of Camps since added, 39; total, 154. Estimated number of men from old orders, 6,000; increase during the year, 8,524; total active members, 14,524. Total amount of all resources for the year, \$9,934.65; balance on hand, \$804.46.

Mrs. Mary Gedney, of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., Senior Vice-President of the Auxiliary of the Department of New York, was elected President General of the Auxiliary of the National Encampment.

The next National Encampment will be held in October in Washington, D. C. The comrades of that city promise a most delightful entertainment, and with the growth and progress of our organization, no doubt the coming National Encampment will be the most successful yet held. Already some Camps have instituted "Washington, 1906" clubs, into which Comrades who believe they will be able to attend, pay stated sums each month, which are deposited in a bank by a treasurer, who is elected. Let us bear in mind, "Washington, 1906."

Department Per Capita Tax.

III. By vote of the Department Council of Administration, a per capita tax of five cents per Comrade is hereby levied on all Comrades in good standing in each Camp of the Department on October 1, 1905. This levy is made upon recommendation of the Department Quartermaster, and closes up accounts for the year 1905. Prompt attention to this levy is respectfully requested. Payment should be made to Charles Leimbach, Department Quartermaster, 40 Cumberland St., Brooklyn, N. Y., based on the number of Comrades in good standing in each Camp on October 1st.

Department Inspector's Official Visits.

IV. Department Inspector Wm. J. S. Dineen has enthusiastically taken hold of the work of paying official visits to Camps in the Department of New York, and has notified Headquarters of the following dates for official visits in the month of October.

Monday, October 2, Lawton Camp, 134 Graham Avenue, Brooklyn.

Thursday, October 5, Capron Camp. 116 Calyer Street, Brooklyn.

Friday, October 6, Neptune Camp, 315 Washington Street, Brooklyn.

Saturday, October 7, G. D. Russell Camp, 13th Regt. Armory, Brooklyn.

Saturday, October 14, Manhattan Camp, 11 East 59th Street, Manhattan.

Monday, October 16, Admiral Schley Camp, Room 2, Borough Hall, Brooklyn.

Friday, October 20, A. L. Kline Camp, 14th Regt. Armory, Brooklyn.

Saturday, October 21, Gloucester Naval Camp, Borough Hall, Brooklyn.

It is the desire of both the Department Commander and the Department Inspector, that as many Comrades accompany the Department Inspector, or be present upon the occasions mentioned, as find it possible so to do, and that the Department Inspector should be loyally supported in his work.

Death of Comrade Renner.

V. John Renner, a Comrade of L. Boardman Smith Camp No. 25, Rochester, died in that city August 20, 1905, aged 40 years. He served honorably in Co. "F," Signal Corps, U. S. Army, receiving a wound in an engagement in the Philippines, which seriously affected his spine. Death was due to a condition brought about by this wound. Comrade Renner was given a military funeral by his Comrades of L. Bordman Smith Camp, the officers of which officiated at the funeral service. The Eighth Separate

Company, National Guard, provided a firing squad. The sympathy of Headquarters and Comrades throughout the Department is extended to the family of Comrade Renner, and to the Comrades of L. Boardman Smith Camp.

Suggestions Concerning Orders.

VI. Suggestions concerning the orders issued from Department Headquarters from time to time, will be welcomed. G. O. No. 1, series 1905-06, was issued August 31st.

Banquet to Comrade Fiala.

VII. To honor the safe return and the commendable achievements of Comrade Anthony Fiala, of Brooklyn, who has spent the past three years at the head of the Ziegler North Pole Expedition in the Arctic Regions, the Department of New York will hold a concert, banquet and reception in his honor in Brooklyn Labor Lyceum, on Tuesday evening, November 28, 1905. Arrangements are in charge of the Joint City Board of Greater New York. A circular letter, with tickets, will be sent to Camps in the near future, and loyalty to the Department in aiding the cause for which this banquet is given, should inspire Comrades to lend their hearty assistance in making this affair a complete success.

There should be a large attendance.

Some of the most prominent men of Greater New York have accepted invitations to be present.

Niagara Falls Encampment (Continued).

VIII. In pursuance of the policy of printing in running form in general orders a report of the successful Department Encampment at Niagara Falls, the following report, supplementing what was recorded in G. O. No. 1, is published:

At the opening of the afternoon session, August 21st, the minutes of the morning session were read and approved. Charles Leimbach, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, rendered a report showing 122 duly qualified delegates present, and that credentials had been presented by forty-six Camps as follows:

Manhattan Camp No. 1—6.
M. D. Russell Camp No. 2—5.
T. H. Barber Camp No. 3—1.
W. H. Hubbell Camp No. 4—8.
Gloucester Naval Camp No. 5—3.
Niagara Falls Camp No. 7—4.
W. R. Carmer Camp No. 8—2.
W. A. Wilson Camp No. 9—1.
Theo. Roosevelt Camp No. 10—3.
Gen. Eugene Griffin Camp No. 11—3.
A. L. Kline Camp No. 12—2.
Col. S. Y. Seyburn Camp No. 13—5.
E. H. Liscum Camp No. 14—5.
Bucky O'Neill Camp No. 15—2.
Ad. Schley Naval Squadron No. 16—3.
Maj. Gen. R. P. Hughes Camp No. 17—3.
Admiral Philip Naval Camp No. 18—2.
R. C. Anderson Camp No. 26—1.
W. F. Randolph Camp No. 27—2.
Capt. F. R. Palmer Camp No. 28—4.
W. S. Overton, Jr. Camp No. 29—1.
Neptune Naval Camp No. 30—1.
Griffin Eng. Camp No. 31—3.
A. C. Weller Camp No. 32—3.
E. H. Liscum Camp No. 33—2.
H. J. Reilly Camp No. 34—1.
O. R. Wheeler Camp No. 35—1.
Defendam Camp No. 36—2.
N. W. Crosby Camp No. 37—1.
Gen. Guy V. Henry Camp No. 38—2.
Bruso Chauncey Camp No. 41—1.
Major J. K. Sague Camp No. 44—1.
S. M. Porter Camp No. 45—1.
Serg. Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46—1.
Old Guard Camp No. 19—5.
Decker Camp No. 20—1.
Lawton Camp No. 21—1.
Capron Camp No. 22—2.

Col. H. W. Hubbell Camp No. 24—1.
L. Boardman Smith Camp No. 25—8.
Naval Camp No. 49—2.
Medina Camp No. 50—1.
Col. J. W. Vrooman Camp No. 51—2.
F. C. Warner Camp No. 52—1.
Major Frank Keck Camp No. 53—1.
Gen. F. V. Greene Camp No. 54—1.

To this list was added the Department officers, including the members of the Council of Administration, who were present and duly authorized to vote.

The report on Supplemental Rules and Regulations for the Department prepared by Comrade John T. Ryan, of Buffalo, was read. These rules will receive further attention in a future order.

The Encampment was visited by a delegation of ladies from the Auxiliary which was in session, headed by Mrs. Mary Gedney of Mt. Vernon, bringing the greetings of the auxiliary. The Department Commander thanked the ladies for their visit.

The following Nominating Committee was named: Comrades George H. Tighe, George W. McCune, F. E. Bennett, H. A. F. Young, Rev. W. H. I. Reaney, W. Fenton Myers, R. Barr, W. F. C. Tichborne, P. M. Haselton, F. C. Kuehnle, John J. McMullen, John M. Carroll, Hamilton Ward, Jr., John H. Grant, F. T. Elbers, W. F. Morian, John T. Ryan, S. A. Berkeley, James G. McMurray, George VonKromer, J. O. Shellard, Sylvanus Foster, Philip Madge, E. N. Walbridge, James Johnson, M. J. Ragan, Paul B. Vandervelde, William F. Foist, A. Versos, M. A. Hayden, C. O. Veate, W. L. Foley, W. B. Hotehkin, John M. Finn, John Lyons, Thomas F. Lynch, M. W. Halblaub, John S. Wilson, Allen E. Billings, W. S. Styles, Charles Leimbach, Lars J. Petersen, O. C. Fredericks, F. W. Cristman, F. E. Bussey, Frank Keck, Albert D. Smith. Hamilton Ward, Jr., was named as chairman.

A resolution was introduced by Department Surgeon J. H. Grant that the delegates to the National Encampment be instructed to attempt to bring about an amendment to section 18 of article 5, Rules and Regulations, reducing the National Encampment per capita tax. The Committee on the State of the Organi-

zation, to which this resolution was referred, presented a report that the resolution be approved and supported by the delegates to the National Encampment.

Resolutions were introduced by Comrade William F. Morian concerning the wearing of buttons and badges by Comrades who have been dropped from the rolls of Camps for one reason or another.

Comrade James Johnson, delegate from W. F. Randolph Camp, introduced a resolution to the effect that the style of markers for soldiers' and sailors' graves be uniform. The Committee on Miscellaneous Matters, to which this resolution was referred, reported to the Encampment its suggestion that this matter be referred to the favorable consideration of the National Encampment for action, and this report was adopted.

A vote of thanks was extended to Comrade L. T. Fetzner for his hard work in preparing the pamphlet concerning civil service suggestion for veterans, and their distribution was referred to the Department Council of Administration.

Further details of the Encampment will be published in a future General Order.

By order,

C. A. SIMMONS,

Department Commander.

Official:

WM. B. YOUNG, JR., *Department Adjutant.*

State Armory, Rochester, N. Y.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK,
UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., *November 11, 1905.*

General Orders No. 3.

Banquet to Comrade Fiala, November 28.

I. A banquet and reception will be tendered by the Department of New York, U. S. W. V., to Comrade Anthony Fiala, at the Brooklyn Labor Lyceum, 949-955 Willoughby Avenue, Brooklyn,

N. Y., Tuesday evening, November 28, 1905, to commemorate his safe return after three years arduous efforts in search of the North Pole, at the head of the Ziegler Arctic Exploration Party.

This affair is under the auspices of the Joint City Board of Greater New York. Junior Vice-Commander John T. Oates, Chairman of the Banquet Committee, and an enthusiastic committee are at work making arrangements for what promises to be a most successful affair. Conterno's Eighth United States Infantry Band will give a concert, and Miss Kitty Rampone, daughter of the late bandmaster of the Old Guard Band, will render solos. Toasts will be responded to by leading citizens, and it is expected this affair will be a great social and financial success. Comrades throughout the Department should enter heartily into the plans to make this affair all that it should be. Banquet tickets are \$2.00 each. Remittances should be made by check or money order to George VonKromer, Financial Secretary Banquet Committee, Clifton Avenue, Rosebank, Staten Island, N. Y.

It is hoped that one thousand United Spanish War Veterans will be seated at the banquet table for this occasion. Comrades throughout the Department will be welcomed by the Comrades of Greater New York who have so enthusiastically taken hold of arrangements.

It is the intention of the Department Commander to be present on this occasion. Request is respectfully made that Camps throughout the Department announce this affair in their local papers and send clippings to Junior Vice-Commander John T. Oates, 273 Bay Street, Stapleton, S. I.

Comrade Charles Bormann Degraded.

II. A court of inquiry was ordered by Paragraph IX, General Order 8, Series 1905, these Headquarters, to inquire into charges preferred against Junior Vice-Commander Charles Bormann of Joseph S. Decker Camp No. 20. This court met in accordance with a call duly issued by the proper officer and, having heard the testimony of witnesses in support of said charges, and the accused having failed to appear either in person or by counsel, has found the accused guilty of violating sub-division D of section 1 of article 9 of the R. & R. of the U. S. W. V., in that he was guilty of the offense of "Conduct unbecoming a soldier and gentleman in his

relations to the U. S. W. V." The finding of the court is as follows:

1. It is hereby ordered that Comrade Charles Bormann, Junior Vice-Commander of Joseph S. Decker Camp No. 20, Department of New York, U. S. W. V., be, and he hereby is, degraded from the office of Junior Vice-Commander of said Camp.

2. It is hereby ordered that a fine of ten dollars (\$10.00) be, and the same hereby is, imposed on said Comrade Charles Bormann. The said fine shall be paid to the Quartermaster of the said Camp by the said accused within five days from the date of the mailing from the office of the Department Commander to the accused Charles Bormann, addressed to Broad and Canal streets, Stapleton, Staten Island, New York City, of a registered letter containing a copy of the findings and sentence of this Court of Inquiry.

Dated, New York, September 7, 1905.

The Court of Inquiry,
WILLIAM F. MORIAN, *President*.
JOHN F. SCHLECHTER, *Recorder*.
MATTHEW JOHNSON.
MAURICE SIMMONS, *Judge Advocate*.

The findings of this Court are hereby approved.

C. A. SIMMONS,

Department Commander, U. S. W. V.,
Department of New York.

Rochester, N. Y., October 2, 1905.

On October 2d, the date of the approval of the findings of this Court, a letter was mailed from Headquarters to the accused, Charles Bormann, as directed, and the Commander of Joseph S. Decker Camp was duly notified of the findings in the matter.

Official Visit to Colonel J. W. Vrooman Camp.

III. On Friday evening, October 6th, the Department Commander paid an official visit to Colonel J. W. Vrooman Camp No. 51, at Herkimer. The occasion was the presentation of a stand of colors to the Camp by Rear Admiral J. B. Coghlan, Commandant

of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, on behalf of Colonel J. W. Vrooman. The colors were received by Comrade F. W. Cristman, Adjutant. The exercises were held in the Opera House, Commander Peter Krug presiding. A majority of the Comrades of this Camp possess U. S. W. V. uniforms. The Camp was honored by the presence of members of the Franklin C. Warner Camp at Ilion and the Oscar Ross Wheeler and E. H. Liscum Camps of Utica. The Department Commander took occasion to congratulate the officers of the Colonel J. W. Vrooman Camp on the completeness of arrangements and their success. Such affairs tend to strengthen the hold of the United Spanish War Veterans upon public favor.

J. H. Lawton Camp's Ball and Review.

IV. Saturday evening, November 25th, Lawton Camp No. 21, Brooklyn will hold at Palm Garden, corner Hamburg and Greene avenues, Brooklyn, its Second Annual Grand Military Ball and Review. A beautiful silk American flag will be presented to the military or civic organization appearing with the largest number of members. Read Admiral J. B. Coghlan, Commandant of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, will make the presentation speech. Department Senior Vice-Commander Harry A. Ely will present to Lawton Camp a trophy of American arms captured in the Philippine Islands by a detachment under the command of Captain Ely.

Department Inspector's Official Visits.

V. Department Inspector William J. S. Dineen has notified Headquarters of the following dates for official visits:

Saturday, November 18th, Hamilton Fish Camp, southeast corner Third avenue and Forty-eighth street, New York city.

Monday, November 20th, Naval Camp, 319 Atlantic avenue, Brooklyn.

Tuesday, November 21st, Ad. Phillips Camp, 118 Myrtle avenue, Brooklyn.

Wednesday, November 29th, Jarvis Camp, 8th Regiment Armory, New York city.

Tuesday, December 5th, H. W. Hubbell Camp, 315 West Forty-second street, New York city.

Wednesday, December 6th, Major Keck Camp, 67-69 West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, New York.

Thursday, December 7th, J. S. Decker Camp, 4 Broad street, Stapleton, S. I.

Guy V. Henry Camp.

W. S. Overton Camp.

W. R. Carmer Camp.

Friday, December 8th, Defendam Camp, 22d Regiment Armory, New York city.

Saturday, December 9th, Manhattan Camp, 11 East Fifty-ninth street, New York city.

N. W. Crosby Camp.

Both the Department Commander and the Department Inspector desire that as many Comrades accompany the Department Inspector, or be present upon the occasions mentioned, as find it possible so to do. The effort of the Department Inspector should be supported by the Comrades, especially in view of the vast amount of good work which can thus be accomplished.

National Officers.

VI. Commander-in-Chief Charles R. Miller does not take possession of the office of Commander-in-Chief of the National Encampment until January 1, 1906. Until that time Captain William E. English will be Commander-in-Chief, and the Adjutant General is Harmon L. Hutson, 417 Law Building, Indianapolis, Ind.

Deaths of Comrades Genoli and Bours.

VII. Headquarters has been advised of the death of Comrade Dennis Genoli of Gloucester Naval Camp No. 5, Department of New York, U. S. W. V. Comrade Genoli was mustered into General Jacob H. Smith Camp No. 1, Department of New Mexico, in 1904, and was transferred to Gloucester Naval Camp last May. Funeral services were held by the Department Chaplain, W. H. I. Reaney, and the Marine Guard from U. S. S. Hancock fired a salute over the grave. Gloucester Naval Camp attended the funeral in a body. Comrade Genoli served as a seaman on several ships of the United States Navy for a period of twenty-three years.

Headquarters has been advised of the death of Comrade Henry

F. Bours of Gloucester Naval Camp No. 5, Department of New York, U. S. W. V. Comrade Bours was mustered into Colonel Wickoff Camp, Department of New Jersey, in May, 1902. He was transferred to Gloucester Naval Camp last April. Interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery and was attended by the Comrades of Gloucester Naval Camp. Comrade Bours served during the war as a seaman on the U. S. S. Vigilant.

The sympathy of Headquarters and Comrades throughout the Department is tendered to the families of Comrades Genoli and Bours and to the Comrades of Gloucester Naval Camp.

New Department Adjutant Appointed.

VIII. William B. Young, Jr., having tendered his resignation as Adjutant of the Department of New York, in order to become candidate for Commander of L. Boardman Smith Camp No. 25, the resignation is hereby accepted.

Comrade Frederick L. Peiffer of L. Boardman Smith Camp No. 25 is hereby appointed Adjutant. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly. All communications intended for him in his official capacity should be addressed to Frederick L. Peiffer, Adjutant, Department of New York, U. S. W. V., State Armory, Rochester, N. Y.

Niagara Falls Encampment (Continued).

IX. In pursuance of the policy of printing in running form in General Orders the report of the successful Department Encampment at Niagara Falls, the following report, supplementing what was reported in General Orders Nos. 1 and 2, is published:

A resolution was introduced that delegates to the National Encampment bring to the attention of National officers the fact that if General Orders were printed in red ink on white ground or black ink on white ground they would be much more legible. This was referred to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, which reported a resolution to the effect that all printing of the Department be done on white paper with blue or black printing, and that the delegates to the National Encampment be instructed to urge the same upon the National Encampment. This report was adopted.

Tuesday, August 22d, the Encampment was called to order at 10 A. M. by Department Commander C. A. Simmons. Sessions were held in the morning, afternoon and evening.

Minutes of the session Monday afternoon were read and approved.

The Committee on Legislation submitted for approval a proposition that at the approaching session of the Legislature bills be introduced to the effect:

1. That all regulars who served honorably during the recent war with Spain, and the incident insurrection in the Philippines, be accorded the privilege now enjoyed by their comrades, the volunteers; that is, the right to a trial upon written charges with due notice before removal from positions in the Civil Service of this State and its various political subdivisions.

2. That county authorities be empowered to permit Camps of the U. S. W. V. to meet in county buildings.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances rendered a report to the effect that the delegates to the National Encampment be instructed to bring to the attention of such Encampment the manner in which the National officers have discharged their duty during the past year. This report was adopted.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances which considered the case of Comrade J. N. Bertie reported that it decided it had no authority to pass upon charges, and recommended that the name of J. N. Bertie be added to the roll of delegates as Past Commander of Camp No. 31.

Mrs. William B. Young, Jr., of Rochester, President of the Auxiliary, was welcomed to the hall, received under the arch of honor, and delivered an address. She was enthusiastically cheered.

Comrade Orville G. Victor of L. Boardman Smith Camp delivered an address of welcome to the ladies, impressing upon them the spirit of high esteem in which their work is held in the Department.

The Encampment ruled that the by-laws of the Department, adopted by the Encampment, should not be printed, but that a Standing Committee on Rules and Regulations be appointed to prepare a complete revision of the Department constitution and by-laws, to be presented at the next Encampment.

The Encampment passed a resolution extending its congratulations to Comrade Anthony Fiala of the Colonel Kline Camp, Brooklyn, upon his safe return from his Arctic explorations, and directing that a banquet be tendered to him in the city of Brooklyn, at a date in the near future.

By order,

C. A. SIMMONS,

OFFICIAL:

Department Commander.

FREDERICK L. PEIFFER,

Department Adjutant,

State Armory, Rochester, N. Y.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK, UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., *December 14, 1905.*

General Orders No. 4.

Banquet in Honor of Comrade Anthony Fiala.

I. Two hundred and fifty Comrades of the United Spanish War Veterans of the Department of New York, and lady friends, attended a banquet tendered to Comrade Anthony Fiala, of A. L. Kline Camp, No. 12, at the Brooklyn Labor Lyceum, Tuesday evening, November 28th. A delightful programme of musical numbers was rendered by Contero's U. S. Infantry Band, and Miss Kitty Rampone rendered several vocal solos in a manner which elicited generous applause. Department Senior Vice Commander Harry A. Ely, presided ably as toastmaster.

The toasts were as follows: Department Commander C. A. Simmons, of L. Boardman Smith Camp, Rochester, "Our Comrades;" National Chaplain Rev. W. H. I. Reaney, U. S. Navy,

"Our Flag, Our Country, and the Services of the Volunteers;" Comrade Anthony Fiala, of A. L. Kline Camp No. 12, of Brooklyn, "My Experiences in the Frozen North;" Mrs. Mary Gedney, President-General of the Ladies Auxiliary, "The Ladies Auxiliary;" Past Department Surgeon J. H. Grant, of Buffalo, "Recollections of the Sick Report; Does it Cause Official Regret?"

Comrade Fiala's description of his marvelous escapes from impending disaster and death, privations and final rescue, held his audience in rapt attention, and the conclusion of his recital was greeted with enthusiastic applause.

The banquet was opened with prayer by Rev. W. H. I. Reaney. Department Junior Vice Commander John T. Oates proposed the health of the President of the United States, which was drunk standing, while the band played the National anthem. He then read letters of regret from invited guests unable to be present.

Among those present from out of town were: James E. Smith, Commander, Captain Frank Rockwell Palmer Camp, Albany; J. H. Grant, U. S. A., retired, of Buffalo; H. W. MacBean, Commander, Niagara Falls Camp; also a delegation from Binghamton and Syracuse.

In spite of the weather the affair was a complete social and financial success, and great credit is due the Committee of Arrangements composed of Department Junior Vice Commander John T. Oates, Chairman, and Commander Wm. F. Morian of Admiral Schley Naval Squadron, assisted by other enthusiastic comrades.

Camp Elections and Installations.

II. Attention is called to that portion of the Rules and Regulations which provide that camp officers shall be elected at the first stated meeting in December, and installed at the first meeting in January. Immediately after installation Commanders will forward to headquarters their own name and address, and the name and address of the new Adjutants and Quartermasters. For this purpose blanks will be sent to each camp in order that returns may be made directly at the earliest possible moment.

Each camp is hereby authorized to arrange for installation, and is enjoined to make these affairs as formal as possible, and calculated to promote greater enthusiasm and harmony.

Per Capita Tax for January — June, 1906.

III. Upon the recommendation of Department Quartermaster Charles Leimbach, the Council of Administration has authorized the Department Commander to levy a tax of $12\frac{1}{2}$ cents on each Comrade of every Camp in good standing, for the first six months of 1906.

Current expenses make it imperative that Camps pay attention to the conditions of this levy, which is payable between the 1st and 31st day of January, 1906. A list of camps will be kept by the Department Quartermaster in the order in which payments are made, and will be so reported at the next Department Encampment.

National Encampment Appointments.

IV. Active workers in the Department of New York, U. S. W. V., have been recognized on important committees in the National organization, Department Junior Vice Commander John T. Oates, of J. S. Decker Camp No. 20, Stapleton, S. I., having been appointed on the Committee on Revision of the Rules and Regulations, and Department Chaplain W. H. I. Reaney, of Gloucester Naval Camp No. 5, Brooklyn, on the Committee on Legislation. These appointments are announced in General Order No. 18, Series 1905, Headquarters National Encampment.

Formation of an Auxiliary.

V. Commander J. H. Williams, of Admiral Philip Naval Camp No. 18, Brooklyn, has advised these Headquarters of the formation of an auxiliary attached to that camp. Mrs. Kathryn Fellows and Miss Hogan, of the auxiliary attached to Gloucester Naval Camp, were the mustering officers.

Joint City Council.

VI. At a meeting held in Borough Hall, Brooklyn, on Sunday, December 3d, the Joint City Council of Greater New York elected officers for the ensuing year. Clinton P. Hamilton, of Hubbell Camp No. 4, was placed in nomination for President, by Department Senior Vice Commander Harry A. Ely, and was elected. Comrade F. C. Kuehnle, of Roosevelt Camp No. 10, was made Vice President, and Department Inspector W. J. S.

Dineen, Recording Secretary. George VonKromer, of Decker Camp, was re-elected Financial Secretary and Treasurer.

It is the aim of the Joint City Council to promote harmony and unity of action among Camps in Greater New York. In the past it has accomplished much good, notably in establishing the rights of United Spanish War Veterans under the Civil Service Law, and maintaining them in their rights. It has sought and obtained employment for deserving comrades, and, in many ways, has made itself felt as an instrument of good in the uplifting of our order.

The organization of a Joint City Council in places where several Camps are located, has been found to work out for the good of individual and collective members of the organization, and at once bring the organization prominently before the Federal, State and City authorities. A camp is only a unit, and consequently cannot hope to accomplish the same amount of good as the Council. The Camp works for itself, and the Council for the entire body of Comrades.

Department Inspector's Official Visits.

VII. Department Inspector W. J. S. Dineen has notified headquarters of the following dates for official visits:

Saturday, December 23d, Roosevelt Camp, 210 E. 104th St., New York City.

Thursday, January 4th, Griffin Engineers Camp, 100 W. 24th St., New York City.

Friday, January 26th, Defendamp Camp, 22d Regiment Armory, New York City.

The Commanders of Guy V. Henry, Joseph S. Decker, William R. Carmer, W. S. Overton and Norman W. Crosby Camps, are requested to notify the Department Inspector, Wm. J. S. Dineen, 274 Clinton Place, Brooklyn, the date most convenient for him to make an inspection of these Camps.

"Civil Service Suggestions to Veterans."

VIII. Copies of "Civil Service Suggestions to Veterans," prepared by Past Department Adjutant L. T. Fetzner, have been mailed under separate cover to the Commander of every Camp in the State except Greater New York, where distribution has already

been made. Comrade Fetzer is an attorney in New York City and has made a close study of Civil Service,— State, Federal and Municipal, and the rights of veterans thereunder. He has prepared this pamphlet in order that Comrades of the U. S. W. V. may have in convenient form for ready reference, the most important general rules of the general services, and an exact outline of their rights as veterans. The features which commend themselves to our attention as specially important are the paragraphs relating to “ laches,” “ notice and demand,” “ the necessity to protest upon the receipt of pay check if the salary has been reduced,” and also those subsections relating to the interpretation of Section 21. The veteran’s rights under this section are well analyzed, and a perusal will inform the veteran of the exact scope of his rights.

Comrade Fetzer voluntarily contributed these pamphlets to the Department of New York, U. S. W. V. The work is entirely a labor of love and has required a great deal of time and study in order to insure accuracy and to obtain a true interpretation, in an available form, of the many decisions often contradictory, which have been handed down by our courts on this comparatively new and little understood law of Civil Service. The thanks of the Department Commander and of the Comrades throughout the Department are extended to Comrade Fetzer for his generosity.

The pamphlet above referred to, in pointing out the advantages which Civil War Veterans have over our Comrades, mentions the fact that the laws of 1904 amended section 20, allowing to Civil War Veterans full compensation during the time they have been wrongfully removed. Should a Spanish War Veteran be removed wrongfully and later restored, he may not sue the city for the salary, if this was paid to another man, but can only sue the man who received the salary. A bill will probably be introduced at the next session of the Assembly, providing for the amendment of this section to include Spanish War Veterans, and the support of each Camp is requested.

Death of Comrades Lewis and Eldridge.

IX. Headquarters has been advised by John S. Adair, Adjutant of Manhattan Camp No. 1, of the death of Comrade Walter Lewis, of that Camp. Comrade Lewis was mustered into Manhattan

Camp, December 24, 1904. During the war with Spain he served as Corporal in Co. "L," 201st Regiment, N. Y. V. I. He was a faithful member of Manhattan Camp until sickness prevented. The Comrades of Manhattan Camp attended funeral services in a body. Interment was in Lutheran Cemetery. The sympathy of Headquarters and of Comrades throughout the Department is extended to the family of our deceased Comrade, and to the Comrades of Manhattan Camp.

Headquarters has been advised of the death of Comrade Burr D. Eldridge, of L. Boardman Smith Camp No. 25, Department of New York, U. S. W. V. Comrade Eldridge served in 1898 as Wagoner in Co. "H," 3d N. Y. V. He was popular with his Comrades and was an earnest member of L. Boardman Smith Camp. Funeral services were conducted at the grave by the Comrades of L. Boardman Smith Camp, and members of the First Separate Company, N. G., N. Y., fired a salute over the grave. The sympathy of Headquarters and Comrades throughout the Department is tendered to the family of Comrade Eldridge, and to the Comrades of L. Boardman Smith Camp.

Receptions of Hubbell and Gloucester Camps.

X. On Saturday, January 20th, 1906, at Germania Theater, 120 Schermerhorn Street, near Smith, Brooklyn, W. H. Hubbell Camp No. 4, will hold its annual reception. Brooklyn's foremost amateur dramatic society, the "Dilletante Players" has volunteered the services of its members. They will be seen upon this occasion in an original military play entitled "On Cuban Shores," written by Anthony E. Wills. The proceeds of the affair will be for the Camp's sick and relief fund, to be used in assisting those needy veterans of the War with Spain, who, through wounds or disease, have become unable to care for themselves, and the dependents of those who fell in the cause of liberty during the war. General admission is fifty cents. Dancing will follow the entertainment.

The Sixth Annual Review and Reception of the Gloucester Naval Camp No. 5, will be held Wednesday evening, January 10th, at the Brooklyn Labor Lyceum, Willoughby Avenue near Myrtle Avenue. No doubt the occasion will be a complete success.

Niagara Falls Encampment (Concluded).

XI. In pursuance of the policy of printing in running form in General Orders, the report of the successful Department Encampment at Niagara Falls, the following, supplementing what was published in General Orders Nos. 1, 2 and 3, is published, concluding the report:

A resolution was passed that the Department of New York pledge itself to support the passage of a resolution to amend the New York State constitution so as to allow Spanish War Veterans the same preference in appointment and promotion in the Civil Service of the State and the several divisions thereof, as is now enjoyed by the veterans of the late Civil War.

A resolution was passed to the effect that all communication and correspondence whatsoever should be carried on in military order of precedence. This was referred to the Committee on Rules, which rendered a favorable report, and this was adopted.

Delegates to the National Encampment were authorized to propose the following amendment to Article 4 of the Rules and Regulations, said amendment to be known as section 3 of said article:

"Section 3. Special Honorary Members. Any honorably discharged officer, soldier or sailor or marine, who served either in the United States or Confederate Army, or Navy during the War of the Rebellion, may be elected as a special honorary member."

A resolution was passed that the Encampment select as the official newspaper of the Department of New York, U. S. W. V., the "United Spanish War Veteran," issued in Mt. Vernon, N. Y., by Comrade W. F. C. Tichborne.

A resolution was introduced requesting that the good offices of the Governor of the State of New York be enlisted in behalf of the Poor Law bill, should it come before him again. This was carried.

The following telegram was received from William B. English, Commander-in-Chief of the National Encampment:

"Convey my best wishes and most fraternal greetings to the Comrades of New York now assembled in Department Encampment."

The work of Comrade President Theodore Roosevelt in his efforts to secure peace in the Orient was heartily commended.

The thanks of the Encampment were extended to Commander H. W. MacBean and his fellow comrades of the Niagara Falls Camp, for the courtesies extended during the Encampment.

The Comrades of the Buffalo Camps were extended a vote of thanks for courtesies in connection with the Encampment.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the Natural Food Corporation for courtesies, and to the ladies of Niagara Falls for their efforts to make the Encampment a success.

Commander C. A. Simmons installed into their respective offices the officers chosen for the coming year, and Department Commander Simmons was installed by Past National Commander-in-Chief Thomas F. Lynch.

The Joint City Council of New York city was appointed a committee with full power to make all arrangements for a banquet to be held in New York City in honor of Comrade Anthony Fiala.

By order

C. A. SIMMONS,

Department Commander.

Official:

FREDERICK L. PEIFFER, *Department Adjutant,*

State Armory, Rochester, N. Y.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK,

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., *February 19, 1906.*

General Orders No. 5.

Department Inspection.

I. The Department Inspector, William J. S. Dineen, has submitted a division of the State for the purpose of inspections, together with a list of the names of Comrades to make inspections in the several districts, as follows:

District No. 1 — Buffalo-Rochester district:

Camps located at Buffalo, Rochester, Niagara Falls, Tonawanda, Medina, Geneva, Olean, Jamestown, Hornellsville and Elmira.

Assistant Inspectors: Comrades John D. Howland, Buffalo;

Hamilton Ward, Buffalo; E. A. Burkhardt, Rochester; F. S. Couchman, Rochester.

District No. 2 — Syracuse-Albany district:

Camps located at Syracuse, Oswego, Watertown, Utica, Auburn, Walton, Binghamton, Herkimer, Amsterdam, Schenectady, Albany, Troy, Kingston, Glens Falls, Whitehall, Hoosick Falls, Saratoga Springs and Oneonta.

Assistant Inspectors: Comrades Frank Hoppman, Schenectady; John J. Phelan, Troy; E. W. Jones, Utica; James E. Smith, Albany; Arnold B. Sanford, Utica.

District No. 3 — New York City and vicinity:

Camps located at New York City, Yonkers, Port Chester, Mt. Vernon, New Rochelle, Middletown and Poughkeepsie.

Inspector, William J. S. Dineen; Assistant Inspector, Albert M. Drake.

District No. 4 — Brooklyn and vicinity:

Camps located at Brooklyn, Flushing and Whitestone.

Inspector, William J. S. Dineen; Assistant Inspector, Albert M. Drake.

The Department Inspector writes: "I am desirous of being able in my report to the Department Encampment next August, to say that every Camp in the Department has been officially inspected at least twice, and to be able to report the condition in that way of each Camp. By doing so, the Camps which make a good showing will be encouraged to keep up to the standard, and the Camps falling below in the work, etc., will be spurred on to do better work and make a better showing in the following inspections and report."

The Department Commander earnestly desires the Assistant Inspectors to co-operate loyally and forward returns promptly to the Department Inspector, William J. S. Dineen, 274 Clifton place, Brooklyn, N. Y., in order that his report may show the actual status of the Department.

Department Inspector's Official Visits.

II. Department Inspector W. J. S. Dineen has notified Headquarters of the following dates for official visits:

Saturday, February 24th, Guy V. Henry Camp, Third avenue and Forty-eighth street, New York City.

Thursday, March 1st, J. S. Decker Camp, 4 Broad street, Stapleton, S. I.

Thursday, March 8th, N. W. Crosby Camp, Postoffice building, New Rochelle, N. Y.

Monday, March 19th, W. S. Overton, Jr., Camp, Whitestone, L. I.

As the inspection of these Camps will complete the first round of inspection of Camps in Districts Nos. 3 and 4, the Department Inspector requests that those Camps which have not arranged for meetings on the nights selected do so at once in order that the work of inspection may not be longer prolonged.

The Department Inspector is desirous of having large attendances at these Camps on the occasions of inspection, and extends a cordial invitation to the Comrades of other Camps to be present.

Muster of Prominent Comrades.

III. On Friday night, February 23d, at the State Armory, Rochester, N. Y., a distinguished class of comrades of the war with Spain will be mustered into L. Boardman Smith Camp No. 25, Department of New York. In the class will be Hon. James W. Wadsworth, Jr., Speaker of the Assembly of the State of New York; Rear Admiral Franklin Hanford, U. S. Navy (retired); Lieut.-Col. William W. Gilbert, U. S. Army (retired); Major Frank H. Schoeffel, U. S. Army (retired); Captain Murray W. Crosby, formerly of the 3d N. Y. V. I., and others. Muster-in ceremonies will be held promptly at 8:15 p. m., banquet at 9 p. m. The importance of adding members of this standing to the U. S. W. V. will readily be appreciated. Without question this affair is of interest to every Camp in the Department of New York.

New National Encampment Officers.

IV. For the benefit of the Comrades who may have occasion to communicate with National Headquarters, it should be understood that Charles R. Miller has formally taken the office of Commander-in-Chief of the National Encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans.

Headquarters have been established at 408 Century building,

Cleveland, Ohio, and all communications should be addressed to the Adjutant-General at that address.

The new Adjutant-General is Charles F. Sherwood.

In announcing the appointment of aides-de-camp on the staff of the Commander-in-chief, the following Comrades of the Department of New York were recognized: Junior Vice-Commander John T. Oates, Albert Gilbert, Francis Bertram Harrison and Herbert R. Bishop.

Herbert L. Tracy Camp No. 55.

V. William E. Loomis, who was detailed for the muster-in and installation of officers of Herbert L. Tracy Camp, has made a full report. The ceremonies took place February 6, 1906.

Officers of the Camp installed and given necessary information pertaining to their duties were:

Commander, William E. Loomis, 10 Broad street, Whitehall, N. Y.; Senior Vice-Commander, John J. Kelley; Junior Vice-Commander, Charles F. Roth; Adjutant, Thomas E. Heffernan, Whitehall; Quartermaster, Benjamin A. Long; Chaplain, A. D. Bartholomew; Officer of the Day, Bertie E. Waters; Officer of the Guard, Horatio S. Douglass; Trustees, B. A. Long, Preston L. King, E. M. Allen.

The Mustering Officer in his official statement says: "The prospects of this Camp are about equal with the majority of Camps which are established in towns where only one company was enlisted for the war with Spain. They meet in the G. A. R. rooms, and the most friendly feeling exists between the two organizations. I was ably assisted in the work of the evening by Comrade A. D. Bartholomew, formerly of Warren A. Wilson Camp, of Glens Falls, N. Y., who acted as master of ceremonies."

The Department Commander expresses his thanks to Comrade Loomis for his work as mustering officer, and to those Comrades who assisted in making the organization of this Camp a complete success.

Admiral Schley Naval Squadron Ball.

VI. The fourth annual reunion and ball of the Admiral Schley Naval Squadron No. 16 will be held at Brooklyn Labor Lyceum,

Willoughby and Myrtle avenues, Saturday evening, March 24th. Previous functions conducted by Admiral Schley Naval Squadron have been complete successes. Every Camp should make it a point to assist other Camps to the best of its ability in the conduct of these affairs.

Death of Comrade Frank DeW. Ramsey.

VII. To all who knew of his many estimable qualities, the news of the death of Captain Frank DeWitt Ramsey, U. S. Army, which occurred at Washington, D. C., January 18th, of pneumonia, came as a sad shock. Captain Ramsey was considered one of the brightest army officers in the United States, and had endeared himself to a large circle of friends by his wholesomeness, ready good nature and deep knowledge of matters military. He was a Comrade of Captain Frank Rockwell Palmer Camp No. 28, of Albany, N. Y., and the sympathy of Headquarters and Comrades throughout the Department is extended to the Comrades of this Camp and the members of his family.

Death of Comrade Frank G. Smith.

VIII. Comrade Frank G. Smith, of L. Boardman Smith Camp No. 25, Rochester, N. Y., former Captain of the First Separate Company, N. G., N. Y., died January 7, 1906, aged 38 years. Captain Smith enlisted as a private in the First Separate Company on May 19, 1890. He rose rapidly as a non-commissioned officer, and on May 1, 1898, volunteered for United States service with his company and was mustered in as Second Lieutenant, 3d Regiment, N. Y. V. I. He was promoted to First Lieutenant, September 10, 1898, and was mustered out of United States service December 5, 1898. He was made Captain of the First Separate Company March 28, 1899, resigning March 23, 1905, on account of ill health. Members of L. Boardman Smith Camp No. 25, U. S. W. V., and the First Separate Company attended the funeral on January 9th. The sympathy of Headquarters and Comrades throughout the Department is extended to the Comrades of his Camp and the family of our deceased Comrade.

Death of Comrade Walter Coleman.

IX. By the death of Comrade Walter Coleman December 29, 1905, Franklin C. Warner Camp No. 52, Ilion, N. Y., loses its first Comrade. Death was due to a blood clot at the base of the brain. Comrade Coleman was with the Ninth United States Infantry during its term of duty in the Philippines and China. He was wounded in the arm in the battle of Tien-Tsin, and shortly after suffered from fever, after which he was sent back to California, and later did coast duty at Fort Flagler, Washington, completing his term of enlistment there. He was 26 years of age.

Franklin C. Warner Camp had charge of the funeral ceremonies, which were conducted in a dignified and impressive manner. The sympathy of Headquarters and Comrades throughout the Department is extended to the Comrades of Franklin C. Warner Camp and the family of our deceased Comrade.

Death of Comrade Otto Blomsteat.

X. Department Headquarters has been notified of the death of Comrade Otto Blomsteat, of A. L. Kline Camp No. 12, U. S. W. V. His death occurred on December 22, 1905, and he was buried on December 24th at Cypress Hill National Cemetery. The Comrades of A. L. Kline Camp attended in a body, and a firing squad of Co. "G," 14th Regiment, N. G., N. Y., of which company he was a member during the war with Spain, fired a salute over the grave. Comrade Blomsteat was mustered into A. L. Kline Camp on October 6, 1905. The sympathy of Headquarters and Comrades throughout the Department is extended to the Comrades of A. L. Kline Camp and the family of our deceased Comrade.

By order,

C. A. SIMMONS,

Department Commander.

Official:

FREDERICK L. PEIFFER, *Department Adjutant,*

State Armory, Rochester, N. Y.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK,
UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., *March 3, 1906.*

General Orders No. 6.

Pending Legislation.

I. During the past few weeks Department officers have been very busy taking care of the interests of the organization with reference to certain matters dealing with legislative rights and privileges of men who served in the War with Spain. Several bills have been presented which merit the approval and the best support which can be accorded by members of the U. S. W. V. and their friends. A summary of the propositions before the Legislature will aid Comrades in bringing to bear pressure which is necessary to place some of the statutes upon the statute books.

Assemblyman Lewis has introduced in the Assembly, Bill No. 555, to amend the Poor Law relating to the relief of soldiers, sailors and their families. It is now necessary to have this passed in the Senate.

Assemblyman Dowling has presented an act No. 569, to amend An act entitled "An act in relation to the Civil Service of the State of New York and the cities and civil divisions thereof," relative to power of removal in counties.

Assemblyman DeGroot has presented an act No. 621 to amend the Civil Service Law in relation to veterans.

In the Senate, Senator Cooper has introduced bill No. 377, a concurrent resolution proposing an amendment to section 9 of article 5 of the Constitution of the State, relating to Civil Service appointments and promotions, and also an act No. 365, to amend the Civil Service Law in relation to veterans.

Concurrent resolution to amend the Constitution so as to give the Spanish War Veterans preference in civil service appointments and promotion in the State and the civil divisions thereof, cannot be granted by a mere legislative act, and a constitutional amendment is required. The proposed amendment must be passed by two sessions of the Legislature but the State Constitution (Article 16,

Section 1), provides that after the amendment's passage by a majority of both houses, it shall be referred to the Legislature to be chosen at the next general election of Senators, and if agreed to by a majority of the members of such Legislature, must be submitted to the people for approval, a majority vote of whom being necessary to approve. A law must afterward be enacted to carry the amendment into effect. Other acts will undoubtedly be introduced during the session of the Legislature, but unless the Comrades of the Department put their shoulders back of the measures which they believe ought to be enacted, nothing will be added that is of essential importance. Failure to secure the enactment of legislation desired is frequently attributed to the lack of interest of members.

Department Judge Advocate A. B. Gilfillan, of the County Clerk's Office, Buffalo, N. Y., is in charge of matters pertaining to legislation in the Department of New York, U. S. W. V. He will gladly furnish Camps with suggestions regarding the means of promoting the bills desired. Camp Commanders are urged to communicate with him.

Gold Medal to Encourage Muster-In.

II. Department officers have deemed it wise to offer a gold medal to the Camp which increases its membership most between the semi-annual return showing the status of the Camp on December 31, 1905, and the semi-annual return showing the number of Comrades in good standing on June 30, 1906.

This medal will be suitably engraved, and when won by a Camp can then either be presented by that Camp to the Comrade who has brought in the most members, or can be given as a prize for a future contests in said Camp.

The emblem will be a handsome one, and well worth an effort on the part of all Camps. The contest will be conducted absolutely fairly, and in order that no undue advantage may be taken of conditions concerning this, any Camp which does not render its semi-annual returns promptly will be ineligible to compete.

Any suggestions will be received from Comrades throughout the Department with reference to conditions which should govern the contest, and will be acted upon so far as may be by Department Headquarters in a manner which will be fair to all concerned.

If any points come up concerning which there is any question, the matter will be referred to the Department Council of Administration for final adjudication.

Muster of Prominent Comrades.

III. On Thursday night, March 8th, the names of prominent men who were identified with the war with Spain will be added to the roster of Old Guard Camp No. 19, largely through the personal efforts of Comrade Wilson I. Davenney, of Old Guard Camp, who was the founder of the Service Men of the Spanish War, of which he was Adjutant-General until shortly before the amalgamation of three large organizations into the United Spanish War Veterans. In the class to be mustered will be Major Fred D. Grant, Commander of the Department of the East, U. S. A., Governor's Island; Rear Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan, Commandant New York Navy Yard; Col. H. O. S. Heistand, Military Secretary of the Department of the East and formerly personal aide on the staff of President McKinley; Major Francis Preston Fremont, of the Fifth U. S. Infantry, now at Governor's Island, the son of Major General John C. Fremont, the "Pathfinder;" Col. H. B. Osgood, Commissary Department of the East, on the staff of Major General Fred D. Grant; Col. James R. Branch, late of the Seventh Immune Regiment, U. S. V. I., and Secretary of the American Bankers' Association, and others. The importance of adding members of this standing to the U. S. W. V. will be readily appreciated. Without question this affair is of interest to every Camp in the Department of New York.

L. Boardman Smith Camp's Muster and Banquet.

IV. Friday night, February 23d, at the State Armory, Rochester, N. Y., a distinguished class of Comrades of the war with Spain was mustered into L. Boardman Smith Camp No. 25, Department of New York, U. S. W. V. In the class were: Hon. James W. Wadsworth, Jr., Speaker of the Assembly of the State of New York; Rear Admiral Franklin Hanford, U. S. Navy (Retired); Lieut. Col. Wm. W. Gilbert, U. S. Army (Retired); Major Frank H. Schoeffel, U. S. Army (Retired); Captain Murray W. Crosby, formerly of the Third N. Y. V. I., and nineteen others, making a

class of twenty-four. The muster-in ceremonies were followed by a banquet in the drill hall of the Armory, at which Hon. James G. Cutler, Mayor of Rochester, Hon. Jean Burnett, Chairman of the Cities Committee of the Assembly, Hon. George Raines, and several of the members of the class were speakers. The Department Commander presided as toastmaster. It is such affairs as these that give prestige to our organization.

Louis W. Carlisle Camp, No. 56.

V. Torrey A. Ball, Commander of Robert C. Anderson Camp of Oswego, who was detailed for the muster-in and installation of officers of Louis W. Carlisle Camp No. 56, Watertown, N. Y., has made a full report. The ceremonies took place February 22, 1906.

Officers of the Camp installed and given necessary information pertaining to their duties were:

Commander G. L. Traver, 22 Public Square, Watertown; Senior Vice Commander, H. S. Ball; Junior Vice Commander, W. H. Butterworth; Chaplain, George A. Hager; Adjutant, W. D. Tepell, 53 Store Street, Watertown; Quartermaster, J. P. Farmer; Officer of the Day, J. L. Crawford; Officer of the Guard, E. J. Cory; Trustees, G. L. Traver, B. L. Green, G. R. Fairchilds.

The Mustering Officer in his official statement says: "This Camp has the best of material and the members and officers are enthusiastic and I believe the Camp has a bright prospect before it. Senior Vice Commander Frank J. Gill, of Robert C. Anderson Camp, ably assisted me in conducting the ceremonies. We enjoyed a very pleasant evening, and I desire to express my appreciation for the courtesies shown Comrade Gill and myself by the officers and Comrades of the Carlisle Camp."

The Department Commander expresses his thanks to Commander Ball for his work as Mustering Officer, and to those Comrades who assisted in making the organization of this Camp a complete success.

Blank for Quartermaster's Report.

VI. Department Judge Advocate A. B. Gilfillan has prepared a blank form for reports of Quartermasters of Camps, which meets

the requirements of the National Rules and Regulations, which in article 12 state:

“The report of the Quartermaster must include the reading of the names and the amounts paid in by members or others, with the summary of the amounts paid on account of muster fees, badges, buttons, dues, etc., and the amount of the sum total. The summary and total must be entered in the minutes by the Adjutant and form a part of said minutes.”

There has been no uniform manner of making regular statements to Camps of receipts by Quartermasters, and the form which has been prepared by the Judge Advocate is commended. These blanks have been printed in pads of 100, which may be had at \$1.50 per pad, by addressing A. B. Gilfillan, Department Judge Advocate, U. S. W. V., County Clerk's Office, Buffalo, N. Y. It is recommended that Camps place their orders for these blanks directly with him, as they seem to meet all requirements.

Death of Comrade Arthur Putnam.

VII. Headquarters has been advised of the death of Comrade Arthur Putnam, a member of Col. J. W. Vrooman Camp, of Herkimer, N. Y. His death occurred at Panama in October, and owing to the distance from home, his Camp was not advised until recently of his demise. Comrade Putnam enlisted on May 2, 1898, at Mohawk, N. Y., in Co. “G,” 2d Regiment, N. Y. V. I. and served until the muster-out of the Regiment, November 1, 1898.

The sympathy of Headquarters and Comrades throughout the Department is extended to the Comrades of Col. J. W. Vrooman Camp, and the family of our deceased Comrade.

By order

C. A. SIMMONS,

Department Commander.

Official:

FREDERICK L. PEIFFER, *Department Adjutant,*

State Armory, Rochester, N. Y.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK,
UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., April 3, 1906.

General Orders No. 7.

Senator Page's Concurrent Resolution.

I. The Department of New York, through action taken at the Department Encampment in Niagara Falls last August, is committed to support Senator Page's concurrent resolution No. 159, in the matter of Civil Service. The Joint City Council of New York has appointed a committee which is looking after the interests of the organization in legislation, and such information as may be desired by the Comrades with reference to bills before the Legislature may be obtained from A. B. Gilfillan, Department Judge-Advocate, County Clerk's Building, Buffalo, N. Y., or James F. Court, 211 West One Hundred and Fifth Street, New York City.

Hubbell Memorial Monument Association.

II. A neat prospectus of the William H. Hubbell Memorial Monument Association has been issued calling attention to the purposes of the Association, which is to secure by subscription sufficient funds for the erection of a monument at Cypress Hills Cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y., over the grave of William H. Hubbell, late Colonel of the 47th Volunteer Infantry. At the time of Comrade Hubbell's death, in 1902, he was Commander-in-Chief of the National Army and Navy, Spanish War Veterans, and to him is due credit for the amalgamation of the Spanish war veterans' organizations.

A National committee is composed of Harry A. Ely, Senior Vice-Commander, Department of New York, U. S. W. V.; F. C. Kuehnle, Past Department Inspector, Department of New York, and H. L. Warren of Bay City, Mich.

A local committee has been organized in New York City, composed of Henry A. F. Young, Chairman, 25 Broad street, New York City; Clinton P. Hamilton, Treasurer, 78 Broadway, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Charles L. Franck, Secretary; Daniel C. Sullivan,

J. T. Gibbons, William J. S. Dineen, James F. Johnson, L. T. Fetzer, T. J. G. Hale, W. E. White, William J. Casey, Andrew H. Ryan and William S. Halliday. Subscriptions are to be sent to the Treasurer. At the last Department Encampment of the Department of New York, U. S. W. V., a resolution was introduced urging upon the National Encampment the formation of the National Association for the purpose outlined.

Gold Medal Contest for Recruits.

III. The competition which has been inaugurated through the offer of the presentation of a handsome gold medal to the Camp which indicates the largest increase in membership in the six months from January 1 to June 30, 1906, is creating enthusiasm in Camps throughout the Department. At the coming Department Encampment every effort should be made by every Camp to show a large increase in membership. Camps must begin now if they intend to make a showing. Many Camps which have been heard from since the issuance of the last General Order are working hard. Every officer and man of every Camp should do his share.

The presentation of the gold medal ought to be the first of a series of events of this character. A strong effort is being made by a Camp in a Department in the West to make a showing as the largest Camp in the United States. This honor ought to remain in the Department of New York, and every effort should be bent by every Camp to keep this Department at the head of the list.

Presentation to Major John K. Sague Camp.

IV. Comrades of Sleight Post No. 331, G. A. R., marched into a regular meeting of the Major John K. Sague Camp No. 44, U. S. W. V., at the State Armory in Poughkeepsie, on February 13th, and presented a handsome American flag to the camp as an evidence of esteem from the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. Past Commander Sague, in behalf of the Camp, accepted the flag in a fitting speech. Several Comrades delivered short speeches and the event proved most delightful.

Payment of Per Capita Tax 1905.

V. In order that Comrades of this Department may know the strength of Camps and see the order in which Camps transmitted their per capita tax to Department Headquarters for the last three months in 1905, the following list, showing the order of payment and number of Comrades on which payments were made, is hereby published:

1. Old Guard, No. 19.....	110	Aug. 15, 1905
2. J. M. Jarvis, No. 23.....	88	Aug. 16, 1905
3. Griffin Engineers, No. 31.....	51	Sept. 13, 1905
4. W. H. Hubbell, No. 4.....	250	Sept. 25, 1905
5. Admiral Sampson, No. 48.....	15	Oct. 2, 1905
6. L. Boardman Smith, No. 25.....	364	Oct. 4, 1905
7. Baron Steuben, No. 47.....	23	Oct. 4, 1905
8. Admiral Philip Naval, No. 18,.....	75	Oct. 5, 1905
9. Col. H. W. Hubbell, No. 24.....	58	Oct. 5, 1905
10. Admiral Schley Naval Squadron, No. 16.....	105	Oct. 6, 1905
11. Gen. Eugene Griffin, No. 11.....	77	Oct. 9, 1905
12. Neptune Naval, No. 30.....	133	Oct. 9, 1905
13. Sergeant Hamilton Fish, No. 46....	53	Oct. 9, 1905
14. Gloucester Naval, No. 5.....	126	Oct. 11, 1905
15. E. M. Hoffman, No. 40.....	35	Oct. 11, 1905
16. Col. J. W. Vrooman, No. 51.....	40	Oct. 11, 1905
17. F. C. Warner, No. 52.....	32	Oct. 12, 1905
18. Capt. F. R. Palmer, No. 28.....	151	Oct. 13, 1905
19. Emerson H. Liscum, No. 14.....	80	Oct. 14, 1905
20. M. D. Russell, No. 2.....	60	Oct. 16, 1905
21. Bucky O'Neill, No. 15.....	20	Oct. 16, 1905
22. Naval, No. 49.....	27	Oct. 17, 1905
23. Capron, No. 22.....	48	Oct. 18, 1905
24. Defendarn, No. 36.....	39	Oct. 18, 1905
25. Warren A. Wilson, No. 9.....	49	Oct. 19, 1905
26. Medina, No. 50.....	26	Oct. 24, 1905
27. O. R. Wheeler, No. 35.....	39	Oct. 26, 1905
28. Major J. K. Sague, No. 44.....	75	Oct. 26, 1905
29. W. S. Overton, Jr., No. 29.....	29	Oct. 28, 1905

30. Niagara Falls, No. 7.....	64	Oct. 31, 1905
31. W. R. Carmer, No. 8.....	21	Nov. 1, 1905
32. H. J. Reilly, No. 34.....	65	Nov. 3, 1905
33. Major Frank Keck, No. 53.....	48	Nov. 3, 1905
34. W. F. Randolph, No. 27.....	39	Nov. 8, 1905
35. E. H. Liscum, No. 33.....	77	Nov. 10, 1905
36. Gen. F. V. Greene, No. 54.....	30	Nov. 16, 1905
37. Col. Walter Scott, No. 42.....	39	Nov. 17, 1905
38. G. D. Russell, No. 43.....	47	Nov. 20, 1905
39. Manhattan, No. 1.....	276	Nov. 29, 1905
40. Lawton, No. 21.....	125	Dec. 9, 1905
41. Col. S. Y. Seyburn, No. 13.....	64	Dec. 12, 1905
42. Theo. Roosevelt, No. 10.....	60	Jan. 4, 1906
43. Gen. Guy V. Henry, No. 38.....	78	Jan. 4, 1906
44. N. W. Crosby, No. 37.....	35	Jan. 8, 1906
45. J. S. Decker, No. 20.....	31	Jan. 15, 1906
46. Brusco Chauncey, No. 41.....	14	Jan. 23, 1906
47. Hon. Stephen Sanford, No. 6.....	52	Jan. 30, 1906
48. Auburn, No. 39.....	45	Feb. 14, 1906
49. T. H. Barber, No. 3.....	42	Feb. 27, 1906
50. R. C. Anderson, No. 26.....	50	Feb. 27, 1906
51. 14th Regt. Camp, No. 12.....	77	Mar. 7, 1906
52. A. C. Weller, No. 32.....	36	Mar. 8, 1906
53. S. M. Porter, No. 45.....	57	Mar. 13, 1906
54. Maj. Gen. R. P. Hughes, No. 17....	28	Mar. 19, 1906

This per capita tax was levied in General Order No. 2 (Series 1905-06) on September 30, 1905. From the dates on which these payments were made, Comrades may draw their conclusions as to the promptness of Camps in attending to official announcements.

Saratoga Camp, No. 58.

VI. Comrade Frank Hoppman of General Eugene Griffin Camp No. 11, Schenectady, who was detailed for the muster-in and installation of officers of Saratoga Camp No. 58, Saratoga Springs, has made a full report. The ceremonies took place Friday evening, March 23d, in Company L. Armory.

Officers of the Camp installed and given necessary information pertaining to their duties were:

Commander Hiram C. Todd, 180 Union Ave., Saratoga Springs; Senior Vice-Commander Obed M. Coleman; Junior Vice-Commander L. J. Follette; Chaplain John T. Schwarte; Adjutant Frank G. Ritchie, 29 Madison Ave., Saratoga Springs; Quartermaster Chas. H. Dobbin; Officer of the Day Frederick W. Dunston; Officer of the Guard Frederick E. Calkins; Trustees James W. Lester, Wm. H. Waterbury, Chas. E. Van Pelt.

The Mustering Officer in his official statement says: "It was a source of great pleasure and satisfaction to me and the newly formed Camp, to have the assistance of the degree team of Gen. Eugene Griffin Camp No. 11 of Schenectady, on this occasion. Their work has improved considerably, and aided very materially in the success of the muster in. The Saratoga Camp was very much impressed with it and will take steps at once to work up a degree team of its own. Considering the character of its membership, and the efficient leadership which this new Camp has, as well as the enthusiasm with which it enters our organization, the Department may well be proud of this new acquisition." The Department Commander expresses his thanks to Comrade Hoppman for his work as Mustering Officer, and to those Comrades who assisted in making the organization of this Camp a complete success.

Death of Comrade John S. Colwell.

VII. Department Headquarters has been advised of the death of Comrade John S. Colwell of W. H. Hubbell Camp No. 4, on Friday, February 23, 1906, at Brooklyn, N. Y. Comrade Colwell enlisted in Company C, 47th N. Y. V. I., May 18, 1898, and was honorably discharged at Brooklyn, March 31, 1899, by reason of muster out of the regiment. A delegation from his Camp attended the funeral.

Death of Comrade Michael A. Neary.

VIII. Headquarters has been advised of the death on March 2, 1906, of Comrade Michael A. Neary of Lawton Camp No. 21, of Brooklyn. Comrade Neary enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, January 19, 1900, at Boston, Mass., and served in the Philippine insurrection. The burial was in the National Cemetery at Cypress Hills, Brooklyn. Lawton Camp had full

charge of the funeral services which were conducted in an impressive manner, volleys being fired over the grave, and the Camp bugler blowing taps.

Death of Comrade Robert H. Kirkwood.

IX. Headquarters has been advised of the death on March 12, 1906, of Comrade Robert H. Kirkwood of Captain Frank Rockwell Palmer Camp No. 28, Albany. Comrade Kirkwood enlisted in Co. D, 1st N. Y. V. I., May 2, 1898, and was mustered out with his company on February 20, 1899. He served with his regiment at New York, San Francisco and Honolulu, H. I.

The sympathy of Headquarters and Comrades throughout the Department is extended to the Comrades of these Camps and the families of our deceased Comrades.

By order

C. A. SIMMONS,

Department Commander.

Official:

FREDERICK L. PEIFFER, *Department Adjutant*,
State Armory, Rochester, N. Y.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK,

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., April 28, 1906.

General Orders No. 8.

Relief of Distressed Comrades.

I. Many comrades have expressed a desire to aid the Department of California in helping Comrades of the organization who need assistance because of the recent terrible calamity in San Francisco and vicinity. For the Department of New York, therefore, Comrade Hamilton Ward, Erie County Bank Building, Buffalo, N. Y., is hereby appointed a committee to receive such donations as may be made by individual Comrades of the organization or Camps. He

will communicate direct with Comrades in the Department of California and forward to them such donations as he may receive for this purpose.

Memorial Day Observance.

II. The years have bequeathed to us the noble and patriotic custom of celebrating Memorial Day. The flowers which will be spread upon the graves of departed Comrades on that day, betoken the genuine respect and admiration in which they are held, not only by their Comrades, but by the public as a whole. It should be the aim of the Comrades of the United Spanish War Veterans to show their loyalty to the men of the Grand Army of the Republic and their complete accord with the purposes and meaning of the day.

Camps of the Department of New York are urged to turn out in strength for parades which will be held that day, and otherwise to observe the day in a fitting and proper spirit. Where it is possible, Comrades should parade uniformed, but they are urged to participate, at any rate.

Commanders of Camps should use every effort to get out a large attendance. Harry A. Ely, Senior Vice Commander, and John T. Oates, Junior Vice Commander, will aid in making arrangements for parades in Greater New York.

Invitations to unattached Comrades to join in the observance of ceremonies on this occasion should be issued. It should be the aim of the United Spanish War Veterans to merit no censure based on the accusation that we are not alive to the true import and sacredness of the duties clearly defined for us.

The following authorization sent to Senior Vice Commander H. A. Ely, of New York City, is self-explanatory:

"In accordance with the custom instituted last year when the then Senior Vice Commander of the Department was placed in charge of the making of arrangements for participation in Memorial Day parade of Camps in Greater New York, you are hereby authorized to at once begin making plans for the active participation of Camps in this parade, and as the highest officer in your section of the Department, your authority will be recognized."

Similar instructions have been forwarded to A. B. Gilfillan, of Buffalo, concerning the participation of Camps in that City in the parade to be held there.

Final Department Inspections.

III. Department Inspector W. J. S. Dineen has notified Department Headquarters of the following dates for inspections of Camps:

Thursday, May 3, Capron Camp, Armory Hall, 116 Calyer St., Brooklyn.

Saturday, May 5, Gloucester Camp, Borough Hall, Brooklyn.

Monday, May 7, Admiral Schley Squadron, Borough Hall, Brooklyn.

Saturday, May 12, G. D. Russell Camp, 13th Regiment Armory, Brooklyn.

Monday, May 14, Lawton Camp, 134 Graham Ave., Brooklyn.

Thursday, May 17, Neptune Naval Camp, 315 Washington St., Brooklyn.

Friday, May 18, 14th Regiment Camp, 14th Regiment Armory, Brooklyn.

Friday, May 25, W. H. Hubbell Camp, Borough Hall, Brooklyn.

Saturday, May 26, Manhattan Camp, 11 E. 59th St., New York City.

Friday, June 14, H. J. Reilly Camp, Room 2, Borough Hall, Brooklyn.

Monday, June 4, Admiral Sampson Camp, 319 Atlantic Ave., Brooklyn.

Tuesday, June 5, Admiral Philip Camp, 118 Myrtle Ave., Brooklyn.

Saturday, June 9, Roosevelt Camp, Harlem Terrace, New York City.

Thursday, June 14, Old Guard Camp, 1164 Broadway, New York City.

The Department Inspector requests that Commanders of Camps which have changed their places of meeting or meeting nights notify him at 274 Clifton Place, Brooklyn, immediately of the changes so no delay will be caused in changing dates of inspection. He further requests that all Assistant Inspectors report to him immediately in relation to their completed work so that the annual inspection report to the Department Encampment may be compiled.

Department Encampment.

IV. The Department Council of Administration has voted in favor of holding the Department Encampment in Albany, August 6th, 7th and 8th.

Since the last Department Encampment was held in the west, it was felt that in justice to camps in the eastern portion of the State the Encampment should be held in some eastern city. The Comrades of Captain Frank Rockwell Palmer Camp of Albany, generously offered to again entertain the delegates to the Department Encampment, demonstrating in this, as they have in other matters, their genuine good will toward the Department in exerting every effort to aid in its upbuilding, growth and general prosperity.

The Comrades of Captain Frank Rockwell Palmer Camp may be depended upon to give Comrades and other visiting Comrades a royal good time, and it is trusted that profitable business sessions, the pleasure of meeting Comrades, and the entertainment to be provided will be the means of inducing an even larger attendance this year than has been noted at any previous Department Encampment.

"Encampment Clubs" should be organized, and every effort made to insure the complete success of this gathering.

William Cary Sanger Camp No. 57.

V. G. LeRoy Traver, Commander of Louis W. Carlisle Camp No. 56, Watertown, who was detailed for the muster-in and installation of officers of William Cary Sanger Camp No. 57, Ogdensburg, has made a full report. The ceremonies took place Tuesday evening, March 27th, 1906.

Officers of the camp installed and given necessary information pertaining to their official duties were:

Commander, Martin Bovard, 16 Hasbrouck street, Ogdensburg; Senior Vice Commander, Joseph C. Howland; Junior Vice Commander, Hermon J. Donavin; Chaplain, Wm. C. McDerment; Adjutant, F. Packard Palmer, 7 Knox street, Ogdensburg; Quartermaster, Chas. J. Olmstead; Officer of the Day, Wm. H. Anderson; Officer of the Guard, James F. Akin; Trustees, D. B. Lucy, Erastus McPhee, H. F. Shaver.

The Mustering Officer in his official statement says: "While there are not a large number of Comrades on whom this Camp can draw, still the enthusiasm is marked and I have no doubt that the Comrades will prove intensely loyal to the organization and an addition to our working force of which we may well be proud."

The Department Commander expresses his thanks to Commander Traver for his work as Mustering Officer, and to those Comrades who assisted in making the organization of this Camp a complete success.

Old Guard Camp to The Front.

VI. Major-General F. D. Grant, U. S. A., Rear Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan, U. S. N., Major Francis Preston Fremont, Col. John B. Kerr, Lieut.-Col. H. S. Robinson, Capt. F. G. Knabenshue, James N. Tuckian, and B. W. Clendennin, were mustered into Old Guard Camp No. 19, U. S. W. V., at its headquarters in New York City, on Thursday, April 12th. Past Commander Hinton and Senior Vice Commander Patterson of the Department of New Jersey, and other prominent Comrades were present. Capt. W. I. Davenny was toastmaster at a supper which followed.

Such events add to the dignity and prestige of the organization, and Daniel J. Murphy, Commander of Old Guard Camp, and the Comrades of this camp are to be congratulated on their progressiveness.

Uniforms.

VII. In view of the fact that most Camps will parade on Memorial Day, and that many Comrades will undoubtedly attend the coming Department Encampment in August, and in October attend the National Encampment in Washington, D. C., every effort should be made by Camp officers and the active workers of Camps to stimulate enthusiasm over the matter of procuring regulation U. S. W. V. uniforms, thus adding uniformity in the matter of dress when on parade or in attendance upon Encampments or at other functions where uniforms should be worn. A general movement in this direction will aid much to unify the organization. Many Camps already boast of many uniformed Comrades and the effect is generally pronounced to be decidedly beneficial.

Camp Surgeons Authorized.

VIII. Camps are permitted at the annual election of officers to elect a Surgeon under a ruling of the National Encampment. He should follow on the list just below the Junior Vice Commander.

Death of Comrade O'Brien.

IX. Headquarters has been notified of the death on March 18th of Comrade Frank O'Brien of Franklin C. Warner Camp No. 52, Ilion, N. Y. Comrade O'Brien enlisted May 1, 1898, at Mohawk, N. Y., in Co. G, 2d N. Y. V. I., and served until November 2, 1898, when he was mustered out. Comrade O'Brien was a faithful member and hard worker for the interests of Franklin G. Warner Camp, which had full charge of the military ceremony in connection with the funeral. The sympathy of Headquarters and Comrades throughout the Department is extended to the Comrades of his Camp and the family of our deceased Comrade.

Death of Comrade A. S. Goldstein.

X. Headquarters has been advised of the death of Comrade Abe S. Goldstein, a member of Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46, at Mt. Sinai Hospital, New York City, March 24, 1906, while undergoing an operation for appendicitis. He entered the service of the United States, April 22, 1898, and attained the rank of Commissary Steward, 1st Battalion, U. S. Marine Corps. He was discharged October 5, 1898, at Boston, Mass., on account of expiration of service. He became a charter member of Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp on its organization May 27, 1905. The sympathy of Headquarters and Comrades throughout the Department is extended to the Comrades of this Camp and the family of our deceased Comrade.

Death of Comrade George Vickery.

XI. Headquarters has been advised of the death of Junior Vice Commander George Grant Vickery of Robert C. Anderson Camp No. 26, Oswego, which occurred Thursday, April 12, 1906. Comrade Vickery was First Sergeant of Company D, 3d N. Y. V. I. Robert C. Anderson Camp and the 48th Separate Co., N. G., N. Y.,

turned out for the funeral, the burial being marked by military honors. Comrade Vickery was known as a thorough soldier and the sympathy of Headquarters and Comrades throughout the Department is extended to the Comrades of R. C. Anderson Camp and the family of our deceased Comrade.

By order,

C. A. SIMMONS,

Department Commander.

Official:

FREDERICK L. PEIFFER, *Department Adjutant,*

State Armory, Rochester, N. Y.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK,

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., *June 2, 1906.*

General Orders No. 9.

I. So many requests have been received of late for the names and addresses of the Commanders and Adjutants of Camps in the Department of New York, that it has been deemed wise to publish a roster to be distributed to Camps, thus providing a convenient directory, grouped according to locations, and where there is more than one Camp in each place, to give precedence to the low numbered Camps.

Albany, N. Y.

Captain Frank Rockwell Palmer Camp No. 28: Commander M. J. Reagan, State Capitol, Albany; Adjutant John H. Flinn, 129 Western Ave., Albany. Meets second Tuesday evening of each month in Capital City Club rooms, 73 State St., Albany.

Amsterdam, N. Y.

Hon. Stephen Sanford Camp No. 6: Commander W. Fenton Myers, Sanford Homestead Building, Amsterdam; Adjutant John X. Ahearn, 34 Eagle St., Amsterdam. Meets second and fourth Friday evenings of each month in Spanish War Veteran's Hall, 3 E. Main St., Amsterdam.

Auburn, N. Y.

Major Louis B. Lawton Camp No. 39: Commander Henry J. Ryan, 54 Water St., Auburn; Adjutant Hiram B. Updyke, 19½ Fulton St., Auburn. Meets second and fourth Thursday evenings of each month in Armory, Auburn.

Binghamton, N. Y.

T. H. Barber Camp No. 3: Commander Chas J. Stolz, 552 Chenango St., Binghamton; Adjutant George O. Gay, State Hospital, Binghamton. Meets first Tuesday evening of each month in State Armory, Binghamton.

Brooklyn, N. Y.

W. H. Hubbell Camp No. 4: Commander H. A. F. Young, 25 Broad St., New York City; Adjutant Wm. S. Halliday, 1293 Broadway, Brooklyn. Meets second and fourth Friday evenings of each month in Room 2, Borough Hall, Brooklyn.

Gloucester Naval Camp No. 5: Commander Bartley J. Hunt, 267 Windsor Place, Brooklyn; Adjutant Walter F. Allen, 130 Butler St., Brooklyn. Meets first and third Saturday evenings of each month in Room 2, Borough Hall, Brooklyn.

Fourteenth Regiment Camp No. 12: Commander W. F. Prendergast, 362 12th St., Brooklyn; Adjutant James J. Hand, 349 12th St., Brooklyn. Meets first and third Friday evenings of each month in 14th Regiment Armory, Brooklyn.

Admiral Schley Naval Squadron No. 16: Commander Wm. F. Morian, 284 Adelphi St., Brooklyn; Adjutant Frank Dressler, 226 Bleecker St., Brooklyn. Meets first and third Monday evenings of each month in Room 2, Borough Hall, Brooklyn.

Admiral Philip Naval Camp No. 18: Commander John A. Puncan, 43 Lafayette Ave., Brooklyn; Adjutant W. J. Holmes, 114 Waverley Ave., Brooklyn. Meets first and third Tuesday evenings of each month at 118 Myrtle Ave., Brooklyn.

Lawton Camp No. 21: Commander Joseph Lutz, 93 Thames St., Brooklyn; Adjutant Gustav Muller, 810 McDonough St., Brooklyn. Meets second and fourth Monday evenings of each month at 134 Graham Ave., Brooklyn.

Capron Camp No. 22: Commander Wm. P. Hughes, 2214 8th Ave., New York City; Adjutant Wm. Gundrey, 954 Lorimer St., Brooklyn. Meets first Thursday evening of each month in Armory Hall, 112-114 Calyer St., Brooklyn.

Neptune Naval Camp No. 30: Commander Charles Jansen, 547 Vanderbilt Ave., Brooklyn; Adjutant John F. Luttrell, 1124 Halsey St., Brooklyn. Meets first and third Friday evenings of each month at 315 Washington St., Brooklyn.

Henry J. Reilly Camp No. 34: Commander Matthew Johnson, 37 St. Edwards St., Brooklyn; Adjutant Wm. J. Reynolds, 37 St. Edwards St., Brooklyn. Meets first and third Friday evenings of each month in Room 2, Borough Hall, Brooklyn.

G. D. Russell Camp No. 43: Commander G. D. Russell, Norwalk, Conn.; Adjutant Chas. H. Hunter, 346 Summer Ave., Brooklyn. Meets second Saturday evening of each month in 13th Regiment Armory, Summer and Putnam Aves., Brooklyn.

Admiral Sampson Camp No. 48: Commander E. W. Larkin, 3 Coenties Slip, New York City; Adjutant Richard Schnittke, 113 Ellery St., Brooklyn. Meets first and third Monday evenings of each month in Roth Manner Halle, 1245 Greene Ave., Brooklyn.

Naval Camp No. 49: Commander Lars J. Petterson, 572 Third Ave., Brooklyn; Adjutant John Carslund, 2833 Atlantic Ave., Brooklyn. Meets first, third and fifth Monday evenings of each month at 319 Atlantic Ave., Brooklyn.

Buffalo, N. Y.

Col. Stephen Y. Seyburn Camp No. 13: Commander Hamilton Ward, Erie County Bank Building, Buffalo; Adjutant Chas. E. Haller, P. O. Drawer 970, Buffalo. Meets first and third Monday evenings of each month in G. A. R. Hall, Virginia and Elmwood Aves., Buffalo.

Emerson H. Liscum Camp No. 14: Commander Emil Wohler, care of Harvey Seed Co., Ellicott St., Buffalo; Adjutant Chas. J. Brown, 239 W. Tupper St., Buffalo. Meets first and third Saturday evenings of each month in G. A. R. Hall, Virginia and Elmwood Aves., Buffalo.

Bucky O'Neill Camp No. 15: Commander Peter G. Feinen, 411 William St., Buffalo: Adjutant Frank G. Rau, 1331 Michigan St., Buffalo. Meets first and third Wednesday evenings of each month in Wesp's Hall, Clinton and Watson Sts., Buffalo.

Major-General R. P. Hughes Camp No. 17: Commander John Linsman, 999 Sycamore St., Buffalo: Adjutant John T. Ryan, Erie County Bank Building, Buffalo. Meets first and third Tuesday evenings of each month in Keystone Hall, 351 Main St., Buffalo.

Bruso Chauncey Camp No. 41: Commander Dr. C. Frank Bruso, 380 Main St., Buffalo; Adjutant M. W. Halbaub, 1421 Niagara St., Buffalo. Meets first and third Monday evenings of each month at 380 Main St., Buffalo.

Corona, L. I.

Hugo E. Kruse Camp No. 61: Commander Paul V. Vanderveelde, 35 Grand Ave., Corona, L. I.; Adjutant Lewis J. Schafer, 27 Central Ave., Corona, L. I. Meets first and third Thursday evenings of each month at Engineers' Hall, Corona, L. I.

Elmira, N. Y.

E. M. Hoffman Camp No. 40: Commander W. H. Halliday, State Armory, Elmira; Adjutant B. E. Sweet, Second National Bank, Elmira. Meets second and fourth Monday evenings of each month in State Armory, Elmira.

Glens Falls, N. Y.

W. A. Wilson Camp No. 9: Commander Daniel Wood, 23 Second St., Glens Falls: Adjutant C. W. Lockwood, 17 Uncas St., Glens Falls. Meets first and third Wednesday evenings of each month in Post Wing, G. A. R. Hall, Glen and South Sts., Glens Falls.

Herkimer, N. Y.

Col. J. W. Vrooman Camp, No. 51: Commander Peter J. Krug, 111 Diemel St., Herkimer; Adjutant F. W. Cristman, Prospect St., Herkimer. Meets first Monday evening of each month in A. O. U. W. Hall, Main St., Herkimer.

Hornellsville, N. Y.

Baron Steuben Camp No. 47: Commander Bert Santee, 57 Maple St., Hornellsville; Adjutant Fred J. Pierce, care of Armory, Hornellsville. Meets second Friday evening of each month in Seneca Street Hall, Hornellsville.

Ilion, N. Y.

Franklin C. Warner Camp No. 52: Commander Harlan P. Hamlin, 10 High St., Ilion; Adjutant Julius Werner, 15 South 4th Ave., Ilion. Meets second and fourth Monday evenings of each month in Odd Fellows' Hall, Otsego and First Sts., Ilion.

Jamestown, N. Y.

Samuel M. Porter Camp No. 45: Commander Wm. A. Bemus, 517 Main St., Jamestown; Adjutant Perl A. Butts, 208 Main St., Jamestown. Meets second Thursday evening of each month in State Armory, Jamestown.

Medina, N. Y.

Medina Camp No. 50: Commander Nathan S. R. Gilbert, Post Office, Medina; Adjutant LeRoy J. Skinner, West Center St., Medina. Meets first Wednesday evening of each month in Ryan & Skinner's Law Office, Medina.

Middletown, N. Y.

A. C. Weller Camp No. 32: Commander A. E. Nickinson, 14 Wilcox Ave., Middletown; Adjutant A. L. Seaman, P. O. Box 107, Middletown. Meets last Monday evening of each month in State Armory, Middletown.

Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

W. R. Carmer Camp No. 8: Commander W. F. C. Tichborne, "The Argus Press," Mt. Vernon; Adjutant Edmund W. Holmes, Webster Ave., New Rochelle. Meets first Tuesday evening of each month in G. A. R. Hall, 16 and 18 East First St., Mt. Vernon.

New Rochelle, N. Y.

Norman W. Crosby Camp No. 37: Commander Jacob J. Dorst, 38 Burling Lane, New Rochelle; Adjutant John J. Finn, 30 Spruce St., New Rochelle. Meets second Wednesday evening of each month in Banks Hall, Post Office Bldg., New Rochelle.

New York City.

Manhattan Camp No. 1: Commander Wm. J. Moore, 5 Hamilton St., New York City; Adjutant John S. Adair, 713 Columbus Ave., New York City. Meets second and fourth Saturday evenings of each month in Monroe Building, 9 East 59th St., Borough of Manhattan, New York City.

Theo. Roosevelt Camp No. 10: Commander Samuel J. McCoy 708 East 169th St., New York City; Adjutant H. Truman Morse, 681 East 136th St., Borough of Bronx, New York City. Meets first and third Saturday evenings of each month in Loeffler's Hall, 148 St. and Willis Ave., Borough of Bronx, New York City.

Old Guard Camp No. 19: Commander D. J. Murphy, Union Club, 5th Ave. and 51st St., New York City; Adjutant Geo. W. Rulison, 89-92 Beaver St., New York City. Meets second Thursday evening of each month at Healey's, cor. 66th St. and Columbus Ave., New York City.

James M. Jarvis Camp No. 23: Commander Lewis K. Neff, 1213 Park Ave., New York City; Adjutant Nathan M. Stern, 8th Regiment Armory, 94th St. and Park Ave., New York City. Meets last Wednesday evening of each month in 8th Regiment Armory, New York City.

Col. H. W. Hubbell Camp No. 24: Commander E. Murray, 104 West 89th St., New York City; Adjutant Jérôme P. Fining, 448 West 46th St., New York City. Meets first and third Tuesday evenings of each month at 315 West 42d St., New York City.

The Griffin Engineers Camp No. 31: Commander Charles Ward, 113 Bleecker St., Newark, N. J.; Adjutant James Gracie, 122 East 11th St., New York City. Meets second and fourth Tuesday evenings of each month at 295 Seventh Ave., New York City.

Defendam Camp No. 36: Commander W. B. Hotchkin, 66 Broadway, New York City; Adjutant Alex. F. Martin, 66 Broadway, New York City. Meets second Friday evening of each month in 22d Regiment Armory, Broadway and 68th Sts., New York City.

General Guy V. Henry Camp No. 38: Commander John P. Devane, 10 Bridge St., New York City; Adjutant James H. Cooke, 242 East 124th St., New York City. Meets first and third Thursday evenings of each month in O'Connor's Hall, 48th St. and 3d Ave., New York City.

Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46: Commander Saul Caming, 644 East 9th St., New York City; Adjutant Albert B. Davis, P. O. Box 135, Coytesville, N. J. Meets first and third Saturday evenings of each month, in O'Connor's Hall, 48th St. and 3d Ave., New York City.

Major Frank Keck Camp No. 53: Commander Jeremiah Hunter, Room 52, 280 Broadway, New York City; Adjutant James S. Long, 501 Atlantic Ave., Brooklyn. Meets first Wednesday evening of each month at 67-69 West 125th St., New York City.

David Wilson Camp No. 59: Commander Harry B. Grant, 24 West 26th St., New York City; Adjutant Ralph H. Parker, 80 East 116th St., New York City. Meets second Wednesday evening of each month in Armory of 2d Battery, Bathgate Ave. and 177th St., Borough of Bronx, New York City.

Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Niagara Falls Camp No. 7: Commander Willis O. Johnson, 310 Cedar Ave., Niagara Falls; Adjutant Chas. R. Delmage, Room 8, Jewett Block, Niagara Falls. Meets second Monday evening of each month in 42d Separate Company Armory, Niagara Falls.

Ogdensburg, N. Y.

Wm. Cary Sanger Camp No. 57: Commander Martin Bovard, 16 Hasbrook St., Ogdensburg; Adjutant E. P. Palmer, Republican & Journal Co., Ogdensburg. Meets first Tuesday of each month in State Armory, Ogdensburg.

Olean, N. Y.

Captain Allyn Capron Camp No. 60: Commander George M. Mayer, 301 Laurens St., Olean; Adjutant Arthur W. Wakelee, 242 So. Barry St., Olean. Meets first Thursday evening of each month in State Armory, Olean.

Oneonta, N. Y.

Col. Walter Scott Camp No. 42: Commander Clarence J. Thorne, 6 Fourth St., Oneonta; Adjutant R. H. Westcott, 80 Dietz St., Oneonta. Meets first and third Thursday of each month at 184 Main St., Oneonta.

Oswego, N. Y.

Robert C. Anderson Camp No. 26: Commander Torrey A. Ball, County Clerk's Bldg., Oswego; Adjutant Roland T. Clark, 85 E. Bridge St., Oswego. Meets first and third Monday evenings of each month in State Armory, Oswego.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Major John K. Sague Camp No. 14: Commander Dr. John S. Wilson, 22 S. Hamilton St., Poughkeepsie; Adjutant F. D. Grisard, 122 Main St., Poughkeepsie. Meets second Tuesday evening of each month in State Armory, Market St., Poughkeepsie.

Rochester, N. Y.

L. Boardman Smith Camp No. 25: Commander Wm. B. Young, Jr., 34 Edmond St., Rochester; Adjutant Walter P. Martindale, 95 Webster Ave., Rochester. Meets first and third Monday evenings of each month in State Armory, Rochester.

Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

Saratoga Camp No. 58: Commander Hiram C. Todd, 180 Union Ave., Saratoga Springs; Adjutant Frank G. Ritchie, 29 Madison Ave., Saratoga Springs. Meets second Monday evening of each month in Co. L Armory, Saratoga Springs.

Schenectady, N. Y.

Gen. Eugene Griffin Camp No. 11: Commander Bert Secor, 328 McClellan St., Schenectady; Adjutant C. N. Hulbert, 149

Nott Terrace, Schenectady. Meets first and third Friday evenings of each month in G. A. R. Rooms, State Armory, Schenectady.

Staten Island, N. Y.

J. S. Decker Camp No. 20: Commander F. B. Bardes, 61 Pennsylvania Ave., Rosebank P. O.; Adjutant James Dougherty, 8 Nautilus St., Rosebank P. O. Meets first Thursday evening of each month at 4 Broad St., Rosebank.

Tonawanda, N. Y.

Gen. Francis V. Greene Camp No. 54: Commander Albert D. Smith, 270 Sweeney St., No. Tonawanda; Adjutant Frank G. Hewett, 253 Tremont St., No. Tonawanda. Meets second and fourth Wednesday evenings of each month in G. A. R. Hall, Adams St., Tonawanda.

Troy, N. Y.

M. D. Russell Camp No. 2: Commander Edward Treambly, 286 Fourth St., Troy; Adjutant E. R. Lewis, 642 Third St., Troy. Meets second and fourth Thursday evenings of each month in County Building, Congress and Second Sts., Troy.

Utica, N. Y.

E. H. Liscum Camp No. 33: Commander G. J. Winslow, care of Herald Dispatch Office, Utica; Adjutant E. W. Jones, 51 Bacon St., Utica. Meets second Thursday evening of each month in Post Reynolds Hall, Seneca St., Utica.

Oscar Ross Wheeler Camp No. 35: Commander Arnold B. Sanford, 138 Oneida St., Utica; Adjutant Chas. M. Roberts, 112 Park Ave., Utica. Meets second Wednesday evening of each month in Carnwath Hall, Columbia St., Utica.

Watertown, N. Y.

Louis W. Carlisle Camp No. 56: Commander G. LeRoy Traver, 22 Public Square, Watertown; Adjutant W. D. Teepell, 53 Stone St., Watertown. Meets first and third Thursday evenings of each month in K. of P. Hall, Taggart Bldg., Watertown.

Whitehall, N. Y.

Herbert L. Tracy Camp No. 55: Commander Wm. E. Loomis, 10 Broad St., Whitehall; Adjutant Thos. E. Heffernan, Whitehall. Meets second Wednesday evening of each month in G. A. R. Rooms, Whitehall.

Whitestone, N. Y.

W. S. Overton, Jr., Camp No. 29: Commander Chas E. Hoyt, 19th St. and 8th Ave., Borough of Queens, Whitestone: Adjutant Geo. Q. Munson, P. O. Box 68, Whitestone. Meets first and third Saturday evenings of each month in Mulrooney's Hotel, 8th Ave. and 16th St., Whitestone.

Yonkers, N. Y.

W. F. Randolph Camp No. 27: Commander J. Frank Schlag, 15 Riverview Place, Yonkers; Adjutant Jas. A. Laughman, 122 Oak St., Yonkers. Meets first Wednesday evening of each month in Armory, Yonkers.

By Order,

C. A. SIMMONS,

Department Commander.

Official:

FREDERICK L. PEIFFER, *Department Adjutant,*

State Armory, Rochester, N. Y.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK,

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., *July 1, 1906.*

General Orders No. 10.

Encampment. Albany, August 6, 7, 8.

I. At the last Department Encampment held in Albany, so many Comrades from Greater New York traveled to the Encampment by boat that there was not a sufficient number of Trunk Line certificates to permit Comrades traveling on Trunk Line certificates

taking advantage of the reduced rate offered in case 100 or more certificates were accounted for. It is, therefore, to be hoped that the Comrades in Greater New York will bear this in mind in making arrangements for their transportation this year.

Comrades of Captain Frank Rockwell Palmer Camp No. 28, Albany, are making elaborate preparations for the entertainment of delegates to the Department Encampment in Albany, August 6th, 7th and 8th. Comrade Charles B. Staats, 380 Madison avenue, Albany, has been made chairman of a committee having in charge arrangements. Comrades may obtain information concerning hotel rates and other data by writing to him direct.

Semi-Annual Returns.

II. To the Commander of every Camp in the Department of New York, semi-annual return blanks have been sent for a report showing the status of Camps in the Department of New York as of date June 30, 1906. A semi-annual per capita tax levy will be paid on the number of Comrades as reported, and on the basis of the number of Comrades on whom payment is made will be figured the representation by vote in the Department Encampment. These returns should be made out promptly by Camp officers and one copy kept on file, another forwarded to Department Quartermaster Leimbach, and a third promptly forwarded to Department Headquarters.

Per Capita Tax Levy.

III. Upon the recommendation of Department Quartermaster Charles Leimbach, the Department Council of Administration has taken action authorizing the Department Commander to issue a call for the payment of a per capita tax for the last six months of 1906, payable on or before July 15th, to Charles Leimbach, Department Quartermaster, U. S. W. V., 40 Cumberland street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

This per capita tax should be paid on the basis of the number of Comrades reported by each Camp in good standing June 30, 1906, the semi-annual return blanks for which have been sent to the Commanders of all Camps.

Representation of Camps in the Department Encampment at Albany, August 6th, 7th and 8th, will be on the basis of the number of Comrades on whom the per capita tax is paid.

New York's Compliments to California.

IV. Comrade Hamilton Ward, Jr., Commander of Col. Stephen Y. Seyburn Camp, Buffalo, and Past Judge Advocate of the National Encampment and Department of New York, who was appointed a committee to accept such contributions as Camps desired to make to be sent to Camps in the Department of California, immediately following the earthquake, received in reply to his inquiries among the Comrades of the Department of California, information that a stand of colors would be more appreciated than supplies, and accordingly has forwarded a complete stand of colors with inscription upon the encircling band on the staff: "Tribute of the Department of New York to the courage of the Comrades of the Department of California."

A complete report of the amount of the donations will be made by Comrade Ward at the Department Encampment.

There is Strength in Numbers.

V. Under separate cover there has been mailed to the Commander of every Camp in the Department circulars which may be used in gaining recruits for the organization. It is deemed wise that we should increase our organization to a representative and thoroughly solid basis, and the co-operation of every Comrade of every Camp is respectfully solicited. The Comrades of each Camp should be in possession of one or more of these circulars, and make every effort to add recruits.

Promptness in Correspondence is Essential.

VI. The Committee on State of the Organization, to which the Department Commander's report was submitted at the last Department Encampment rendered a report, a portion of which was in the form of the following resolution:

"Whereas delinquency on the part of Camp Adjutants and Quartermasters in answering official communications, has a tendency to seriously retard the progress of Departmental work, and believing that there can be but little excuse for such negligence, and as these officers are appointees of Commanders of Camps, be it

“RESOLVED, That Commanders of Camps be held directly responsible for delinquency on the part of their Adjutants and Quartermasters, and be reprimanded accordingly, at the direction of the Department Commander.”

David Wilson Camp No. 59, New York City.

VII. Capt. Wilson I. Davenny of Old Guard Camp No. 19, who was detailed for the muster-in and installation of officers of David Wilson Camp No. 59, New York City, has made a full report. The ceremonies took place Wednesday evening, April 25th, in the Second Battery Armory in the Borough of the Bronx, New York City.

Officers of the Camp installed and given necessary information pertaining to their duties, were: Commander Harry B. Grant, 138 West 109th street, Borough of Manhattan, New York City; Adjutant Ralph H. Parker, 80 East 116th street, Borough of Manhattan, New York City; Officer of the Guard Otto Miller.

There were present on this occasion, Department Senior Vice Commander Harry A. Ely, Department Junio Vice Commander John T. Oates, Department Inspector W. J. S. Dineen, and visiting Comrades from several other Camps. The occasion was marked by a spirit of loyalty to the organization, and the Comrades of David Wilson Camp in most cordial and earnest terms, pledged their administration to the support of constituted authorities in the Department and National Encampment. Pertinent remarks were made by Department officers and other Comrades, all of whom voiced the prophesy that the new Camp in the field it has selected to occupy, is assured in abundant growth and prosperous future.

The Department Commander expresses his thanks to Comrade Davenny for his work as Mustering Officer, and to those Comrades who assisted in making the organization of this Camp a complete success.

Captain Allyn Capron Camp No. 60.

VIII. Past National Judge Advocate Hamilton Ward, Jr., Commander of Col. S. Y. Seyburn Camp No. 13, of Buffalo, who was detailed for the muster-in and installation of officers of Captain Allyn Capron Camp No. 60, Olean, has made a full report. The

ceremonies took place Tuesday evening, May 1st, the eighth anniversary of the day on which Company I, 3d N. Y. V. I., to which most of the members of the Camp belonged, left Olean for service during the Spanish war.

Officers of the Camp installed and given necessary information pertaining to their duties, were: Commander, George M. Mayer, Olean; Senior Vice Commander, William Cobb; Junior Vice Commander, Edwin C. Hollis; Chaplain, Charles H. Balch; Adjutant, Arthur W. Wakelee, Olean; Quartermaster, Herbert C. Perkins; Officer of the Day, William E. Elliott; Officer of the Guard, Paul W. Miller; Trustees, Arthur W. Wakelee, Herbert C. Perkins, Robert B. Lawrence.

The Mustering Officer in his official statement says: "The installation and muster-in were held in G. A. R. Hall in the State Armory at Olean. This Camp is fortunate in the character of its officers, many of whom are men of consequence in the community. Its members seem to be enthusiastic and in my opinion the Camp will become and continue a strong and valuable factor in our organization. At the conclusion of the ceremonies a banquet was served. The treatment which was accorded to the Mustering Officer was most courteous."

The Department Commander expresses his thanks to Comrade Ward for his work as Mustering Officer, and to those Comrades who assisted in making the organization of this Camp a complete success.

Death of Capt. William M. Purman.

IX. Headquarters has been notified of the death of Capt. Wm. M. Purman of Co. E, N. G., N. Y., and a member of the Gen. Eugene Griffin Camp No. 11, Department of New York, U. S. W. V., Schenectady, on May 16, 1906. He had been afflicted with Bright's disease since a severe attack of the Porto Rican fever in the Spanish American War. Members of Gen. Eugene Griffin Camp attended the military funeral. The services were of an impressive character. The sympathy of Headquarters and Comrades throughout the Department is extended to the Comrades of Gen. Eugene Griffin Camp and the family of our deceased Comrade.

Death of Comrades Oliver and Judd.

X. Headquarters has been notified of the death of two Comrades of Emerson H. Liscum Camp No. 14, Buffalo, viz., Comrade Robert B. Oliver, and Comrade Arthur L. Judd. Comrade Oliver died April 22d and was buried April 25th. Emerson H. Liscum Camp, with the assistance of a firing squad from the 65th Regiment, N. G., N. Y., conducted the funeral services. He served during the Spanish War with the 65th Regiment.

Comrade Arthur L. Judd served during the Spanish War in the 45th U. S. V. I. He died April 23d and was buried April 26th. A firing squad from the 65th Regiment, N. G., N. Y., paid honors at the burial. Both Comrades had been faithful soldiers and were popular among their associates in Emerson H. Liscum Camp.

The sympathy of Headquarters and Comrades throughout the Department is extended to the Comrades of Emerson H. Liscum Camp and the families of our deceased Comrades.

Death of Comrade Joseph W. Rhein.

XI. Department Headquarters has been advised of the death of Comrade Joseph W. Rhein, of W. H. Hubbell Camp No. 4, Department of New York, U. S. W. V. Comrade Rhein enlisted in Company H, 47th N. Y. V. I., May 12, 1898, and was mustered out with his regiment March 31, 1899. The funeral was held Saturday, May 19th, and was attended by Comrades of W. H. Hubbell Camp. The sympathy of Headquarters and Comrades throughout the Department is extended to the Comrades of W. H. Hubbell Camp and the family of our deceased Comrade.

By order of

C. A. SIMMONS,

Department Commander.

Official:

FREDERICK L. PEIFFER, *Department Adjutant,*

State Armory, Rochester, N. Y.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK,
UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., July 27, 1906.

General Order No. 11.

Each Commander is requested to make sure that copies of this order are mailed to every Comrade in his Camp, that all may be fully advised of the Department Encampment.

Department Encampment.

I. August 6th, 7th and 8th having been fixed upon as the dates for the Department Encampment at Albany, N. Y., it is hoped that each camp will be represented by a strong delegation, as matters of importance are to be discussed and officers elected for the ensuing year.

Trunk Line Certificates.

II. The Trunk Line Association has granted a rate of fare and a third to the Encampment. Delegates and others traveling to the Encampment should when they purchase their tickets to Albany, secure from ticket agents, Trunk Line certificates. These certificates will be vised for twenty-five cents on Tuesday morning, August 7th, and upon presentation at the station for return trip, will be good for a reduction of the fare to one-third.

Gold Medal Membership Contest.

III. Semi-annual returns from Camps have been reaching Department Headquarters with a fair degree of promptness, but there are several Camps whose reports are still outstanding. It is desired that these reports be rendered at once according to directions on the report blanks.

A gold medal is to be awarded to the Camp whose report shows the greatest gain in membership for the six months from January 1st to June 30, 1906.

Certificates and Delegates' Credentials.

IV. To the Commander of each Camp in the Department has been sent packages containing certificates which are to be filled out with the names of all delegates and alternate delegates to the

Department Encampment, together with delegates' credential blanks and alternate delegates credential blanks.

One copy of the certificate is to be forwarded to Charles Leimbach, Department Quartermaster, 40 Cumberland St., Brooklyn, N. Y., or handed to him at the Department Encampment on the morning of Monday, August 6th. Delegates' credential blanks and alternate delegates' credential blanks will be filled out and handed to them for presentation to the Credential Committee at the Department Encampment on August 6th.

Camps are entitled to representation of one delegate for fifty members or less in good standing, and one additional delegate for each fifty additional members or major fraction thereof. Camp Commanders and Past Commanders are entitled to votes and voice in the encampment. Other Comrades will be welcomed at the Encampment.

National Auxiliary Relief Fund.

V. President General Mary A. Gedney, of the Auxiliary of the United Spanish War Veterans, has advised Department Headquarters that a magnificent oil painting of James R. Keene's race horse, "Sysonby," with heavily mounted frame, glass and shadow box, has been donated to the National Ladies' Auxiliary by the Staten Island artist, Miss Florrie M. Connor, and that books of tickets will be distributed among Camps of the Department of New York, and that a drawing will be held at the Department Encampment in Albany on Tuesday afternoon, August 7th, at 2 o'clock, the proceeds from the sale of tickets to be used to help afflicted Comrades and sisters in San Francisco. As the object is a worthy one, Comrades throughout the Department are urged to assist Mrs. Gedney and the ladies of the Auxiliary in their commendable enterprise. All dealings will be with the headquarters of the Auxiliary by Camps direct. National Headquarters of the Auxiliary are at 24 South 7th Avenue, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

Death of Comrade W. E. Burke.

VI. Headquarters has been advised of the death of Comrade W. E. Burke, of Admiral Phillip Naval Camp No. 18, Department of New York, U. S. W. V., as the result of an accident on

July 3. Comrade Burke served as ordinary seaman aboard U. S. S. Iowa, during the war with Spain. The sympathy of Headquarters and Comrades throughout the Department, is extended to the Comrades of Admiral Phillip Naval Camp and the family of our deceased Comrade.

Hugo E. Kruse Camp No. 61.

VII. Department Quartermaster Charles Leimbach, who was detailed for the muster-in and installation of officers of Hugo E. Kruse Camp No. 61, Corona, L. I., has made a complete report. The ceremonies took place at Engineers Hall, Mulberry and Park avenue, Thursday evening, April 26th.

Officers of the Camp installed and given necessary information pertaining to their duties, were: Commander, Paul V. Vanderveelde, 35 Grand avenue, Corona, L. I.; Senior Vice Commander, Eugene McKerty; Junior Vice Commander, Ira J. Tooker; Chaplain, Thos. A. Holmes; Adjutant, Louis J. Schaefer, 27 Central avenue, Corona, L. I.; Quartermaster, Benjamin A. Worral; Officer of the Day, Seth W. Kelly; Officer of the Guard, Victor Brady; Trustees, Warren S. Young, Wm. C. Hervey, Geo. W. Colp.

The Mustering Officer in his official statement says: "During the ceremonies I was ably assisted by Past Commander Kennedy of Winfield S. Overton, Jr., Camp No. 29, Whitestone, L. I., who acted as Officer of the Day; Adjutant Wm. J. Reynolds of H. J. Reilly Camp, No. 34, Brooklyn, who acted as Master of Ceremonies, and Officer of the Day; F. M. Hauschild of Admiral Sampson Camp No. 48, Brooklyn, who acted as Officer of the Guard. I believe that Kruse Camp will be one of the best Camps in the Department in a very short time. It is the only Camp in Corona, and is named after a sailor boy who was born and brought up in Corona, and who was blown up in the Maine in Havana harbor. For the reason that the Camp keeps alive the memory of this gallant young sailor, the people of Corona are proud of the organization."

The Department Commander expresses his thanks to Quartermaster Leimbach for his work as Mustering Officer, and to those Comrades who assisted in making the organization of this Camp a complete success.

William McKinley Camp No. 62.

VIII. Senior Vice-Commander Harry A. Ely, who was detailed for the muster-in and installation of officers of Wm. McKinley Camp No. 62, Brooklyn, has made a full and complete report. The ceremonies took place at Camp Headquarters No. 2 Greenwich street, Tuesday evening, June 19, 1906.

Officers of the camp installed and given necessary information pertaining to their official duties were:

Commander Wm. F. Foist, 5116 Fifth Avenue, Brooklyn; Senior Vice Commander, F. H. Ainsworth; Junior Vice Commander, Henry F. Marshall; Chaplain, J. F. Mann; Adjutant, Willis F. Christopher, Webster and First Sts., Brooklyn; Quartermaster, Wm. J. Hogan; Officer of the Day, W. A. Reardon; Officer of the Guard, Martin Eversen; Trustees, C. L. Keep, C. L. Green, Wm. Scarlett.

The Mustering Officer in his official statement says: "The camp starts out with a membership of thirty-seven with bright prospects, and bids fair to grow in membership and usefulness. Of the thirty-seven members of this camp only two were, previous to the muster-in, Comrades of the U. S. W. V. The morale of the recruits is very high and their conception of the far-reaching principles set forth in the obligation they took upon themselves at the altar, and their earnest and serious participation in the ceremonies, is a gratifying indication that the Department of New York has been greatly strengthened by the addition of the Wm. McKinley Camp. The work of the evening was enhanced by able assistance of Junior Vice-Commander John T. Oates officiating as Master of Ceremonies, and Past Chaplain James G. McMurray of Old Guard Camp. A collation followed the ceremonies."

The Department Commander expresses his thanks to Senior Vice-Commander Ely for his work as Mustering Officer, and to those Comrades who assisted in making the organization of this camp a complete success.

HOOSICK CAMP NO. 63.

IX. Comrade M. M. Dunsbaugh, of M. D. Russell Camp No. 2, Troy, who was detailed for the muster-in and installation of

officers of Hoosick Camp No. 63, Hoosick Falls, has made a full and complete report. The ceremonies took place at camp headquarters in the State Armory, Hoosick Falls, Friday evening, July 13th.

Officers of the camp installed and given necessary information pertaining to their official duties were: Commander, Frank H. Hopkins, Hoosick Falls; Senior Vice-Commander, M. D. Kincaid; Junior Vice-Commander, C. A. Stillman; Chaplain, C. G. Wilcox; Adjutant, Eugene De Long, Hoosick Falls; Quartermaster, Leo Ladd; Officer of the Day, L. W. Bowers; Officer of the Guard, W. L. Carpenter; Trustees, B. W. Sugden, Moses Schweizer, Frank Beebe.

The Mustering Officer, in his official statement, says: "There were present on this occasion Commander Treambly and Past Commander Cunningham of M. D. Russell Camp No. 2, Troy. The members of Hoosick Camp seem to be enthusiastic, and, in my opinion, the camp will in a short time become a strong organization. At the conclusion of the ceremonies a banquet was served."

The Department Commander expresses his thanks to Comrade Dunspaugh for his work as Mustering Officer, and to those comrades who assisted in making the installation of this camp a complete success.

DATES OF ORDERS ISSUED.

X. For purposes of comparison, the appended table is compiled for the convenience of officers of camps and interested comrades. A strong effort has been made to increase the efficiency of the work done by Headquarters, and to build up the Department in numbers and strength. For this purpose every comrade should continue to endeavor to add members to his camp, and should take a personal interest in upbuilding the order.

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By order, C. A. SIMMONS,

OFFICIAL:

Department Commander.

FREDERICK L. PEIFFER, *Adjutant,*

State Armory, Rochester, N. Y.

Fraternally,

(Signed) F. L. PEIFFER,

Department Adjutant, U. S. W. V.

This report was referred to Committee on State of the Organization.

Report of Department Inspector Wm. J. S. Dineen.

COMRADES: I have the honor to submit my report as Inspector of this Department as follows:

When my Comrades honored me by selecting me to fill the high office of Inspector of the United Spanish War Veterans of the Dept. of N. Y., I accepted the office with the same ambition and determination which has actuated me from the time I first joined the order in the early days of 1901, chiefly to attain the very highest results which might attend an earnest and faithful discharge of the duties thereof, and a resolve, if given the opportunity, to win from my Comrades their good will and the verdict of "Well done" from my superior officer.

As my predecessor stated in his annual report, the task of inspecting the Camps is not an easy one. It requires a great deal of correspondence to secure an efficient corps of Assistant Inspectors, especially for the Camps which are distributed throughout the upper part of the State, as I had concluded upon accepting the office of Inspector that it would devolve upon myself personally to cover all of the Camps in New York, Brooklyn, Queens, New Rochelle, Yonkers, Mt. Vernon and Poughkeepsie, in which places I had hoped to be able to make at least two personal visits; in this, however, I was not successful owing to the fact that my health failed me during the early part of the present year and I was compelled to abandon several of my visits, not, however, before I had paid personal visits to the following Camps: Brooklyn, Wm. H. Hubbell, Gloucester, Admiral Schley, Admiral Sampson, Admiral Phillip, H. J. Reilly, Capron, H. W. Lawton, Fourteenth Regiment, G. D. Russell, Neptune Naval and Naval No. 49, all of the Camps in existence in that borough; also Manhattan, Theo. Roosevelt, Old Guard, James M. Jarvis, Col. H. W. Hubbell, Griffin Engineers, Defendau, Guy V. Henry, Hamilton Fish, Major Frank Keck and David Wilson in Manhattan borough, W. R. Carmer Camp at Mt. Vernon and W. F. Randolph Camp at Yonkers, making a total of twenty-five official visits. In addition to these I have paid additional fraternal visits to Wm. H. Hubbell, Gloucester, Admiral Schley, Naval No. 49, Old Guard and G. D. Russell. In all of the Camps visited I made a careful inspection of the books in use, the familiarity of the Officers and Comrades with the grip and unwritten work of the order, suggested improvements and in a spirit of comradeship and not criticism; offered suggestions which I thought might be of benefit to the individual Camps inspected, incidentally noting any systems in use in the various Camps which might prove of value to the organization as a whole. In most of the Camps visited complaint was made of the inability to bring more than 25 per cent. of the membership out to meetings, and many plans were evolved to further this end. I have found that the addition of a social session to the regular meeting proved a valuable factor in altering conditions of this kind. In one Camp visited it was the custom to have an impromptu banquet at the close of the busi-

ness session, each Comrade being required to bring his portion of the eatables and drinkables. Upon my second visit to this Camp there was a very noticable increase in attendance. In other Camps raffles were held at each meeting, and as a result the attendance at meetings was increased.

I desire to call the attention of the Encampment to the fact that there is urgent need for the establishment of a uniform system of bookkeeping for the Camp Quartermasters throughout the Department, for in the twenty-seven Camps visited there was at least twenty-six ways of keeping accounts. The absurdity of this and its needlessness must be evident to all Comrades of the Department who are in business life and who are at times called upon to examine books of records and the like. Attached to this report I have submitted a system of keeping accounts, the adoption of which I would respectfully urge upon the Encampment. I also submit for the consideration of the assembled delegates many forms of stationery, etc., used throughout the Department and suggest the adoption of such forms as may be considered of value to the Camps herein represented. I also desire to call to the attention of the Encampment the urgency of fraternal association between Camps located in close proximity to each other and urge upon the Comrades the necessity of visits from one Camp to another.

I have given considerable study to the workings of other Departments, the manner in which their inspections have been conducted and while I am inclined to the belief that the New York system now in vogue is the best at the present time, we have reached a stage when changes are actually necessary to make the organization more effective. I have ascertained that in most of the Departments, the office of Department Inspector is looked upon as a position of empty honor entailing no work or responsibility. I have, therefore, during my term of office endeavored to play the part of a peacemaker, so that my successor whoever he may be, may understand that the office is not a joke by any means, and that he may strive to do better than my humble self in aiding the material welfare of the Department.

The office has been a very trying one under any circumstances, principally because a number of the Assistant Inspectors failed to

look after the work of inspections of Camps in their districts; were slow in enforcing the Camp inspections, and slow in making returns, so that I was finally compelled to forward inspection blanks to the Commanders of many of the Camps so that I might receive reports in time for the Department Encampment.

I also desire to call attention to the fact that the National Encampment has not provided for inspection blanks of any kind. This report will contain my recommendation for an up to date inspection blank both for individual Camp inspections and for the final Department report which I have especial reason to believe will receive consideration, although my recommendation might perhaps be largely improved upon.

It will be noted by a comparison of the number of Comrades in good standing as reported by the Department Quartermaster and the Inspector, that there is a difference in numbers. It is not surprising, yet neither officer can be justly blamed or charged with errors in the compilation of Camp reports which are received by them from two different sources and at different periods of the year.

Another matter which was brought to my attention during my term of office was the fact that many of the older Camps of the Dept. continued to carry on their roster of membership the names of persons who had been suspended for nonpayment of dues prior to the amalgamation of the said Camps with the United Spanish War Veterans, many of the said persons later becoming members of the United Spanish War Veterans in other Camps by means of original application. A decision as to the legality of such procedure was requested from the Judge-Advocate of the Department who decided in accordance with the resolution adopted at the St. Louis Encampment, that the procedure was legal and proper. This decision means practically a reorganization of the entire Department, for in nearly every instance those Camps which were in existence prior to the amalgamation have continued their old rosters as they existed prior to their entrance into the United Spanish War Veterans. I would, therefore, suggest that the Commanders of all of the Camps which have continued their old rosters be requested to retire them and create new ones containing the names of those entered upon their charter as issued by the National Encampment, United Spanish War Veterans,

and those who have become members only since the issuance of said charters, the provisions in relation to suspended members applying only to those who have been dropped or suspended since that time.

I would also recommend to the Encampment that charters be refused to small Camps which spring into existence through internal dissensions in larger Camps. I fully believe that the thirst for office and not the good and welfare of our organization has been the cause of the formation of several of the smaller Camps in the larger cities of the State, and I fully believe that Comrades who feel discontented with the surroundings in their home Camp would benefit the organization far more by transferring into other Camps, than to try to tear down the firm structure of the larger Camps by the formation of weakling Camps in territory already well organized. This, of course, does not apply to fertile territory where no Camps as yet exist.

I herewith append statement of the work accomplished during my term of office:

In 12 Camps, the officers have committed the ritualistic work to memory; in 19, partly; in 25, not at all; in 50 Camps, the Adjutants and Quartermasters books are well kept; in 6 Camps they are not; in 40 Camps books prescribed by the National Encampment are used; in 16 Camps books prescribed by the National Encampment are not used; in 35 Camps, the Quartermaster's bond is properly filed; in 21 Camps, the Quartermaster's bond is not properly filed; all Camps observed Memorial Day; 53 Camp rooms are properly equipped; 3 Camp rooms are not properly equipped; percentage of attendance of officers at meetings, 85 per cent.; percentage attendance of Comrades, 40 per cent.; percentage Comrades uniformed in Department, 28 per cent.; percentage (highest) uniformed in any Camp 100 per cent.—Admiral Sampson; number members in good standing, 3,926; number on rosters, 4,948; number members initiated since last Encampment, 529; number members dropped since last Encampment, 304; value of all Camp property, \$8,014; Camps charge from \$1 to \$6 yearly for dues, those charging over \$3 maintaining a weekly benefit fund in case of illness or distress, in addition to the regular Relief Fund; muster fees range from \$1 to \$3.50, the latter including button; 9 Camps have ladies auxiliaries; 47 Camps have no ladies

auxiliaries; in the majority of Camps applications for membership are properly filled out but in several instances lead pencil was used; I advised pen and ink; \$843 was expended for relief exclusive of donations secured from County Relief of G. A. R.; no charge was made by the Department Inspector for Camp visits; relief funds of Camps amount to \$924.85; general funds of Camps amount to \$2,850.28; 22 Camps have printed by-laws; 34 Camps have not; in 35 Camps the officers and Comrades comply with the regulations in addressing each other at meetings; in 15 Camps they do so partly; in 6 Camps they do not do so; in 15 Camps they have imprint seals issued by National Encampment; 41 Camps have no imprint seals issued by National Encampment.

In conclusion, I desire to thank the Department Commander for the many courtesies extended to me; to the Commanders of all of the Camps I have had the pleasure of visiting and to all of the Comrades who have aided me to bring my term of office to its happy conclusion, I extend my heartfelt gratitude and my hopes that the Department may continue in its present state of activity and prosperity.

Fraternally in F. P. & H.,

(Signed) WM. J. S. DINEEN,
Department Inspector, U. S. W. V.

This report was referred to Committee on State of the Organization.

Report of Department Judge-Advocate A. B. Gilfillan.

COMRADES: I have the honor to submit herewith my report as Judge-Advocate of the Department:

Annexed hereto is General Order No. 6, which sets forth most of the bills introduced in the Legislature during the past year. A bill, amending section 143 of the Military Code, was also introduced, providing for the use of armories under certain restrictions by the Veterans of the Spanish War. This bill was passed and became a law.

A great deal of time and labor was expended in support of the bill, known as the Poor Relief bill, which bill provided for the

giving of relief to indigent and sick Spanish War Veterans upon the recommendation of the Commander or Quartermaster of any Spanish War Veterans' Camp. The bill passed the Assembly without any opposition, was referred to the Judiciary Committee in the Senate, and was reported out a short time afterwards. On motion of Senator Allds, it was sent back to the Judiciary Committee, which committee reported the bill out again after a time, but the bill failed to become a law on account of the Governor not signing it. This bill has now passed the Assembly three times and been in the Governor's hands twice, both times failing to become a law on account of the Governor not signing the same. Every effort was made to get him to sign the bill; letters were written to the Governor from all over the State, and I filed a brief with the Governor, setting forth my reasons why it should become a law. As the Governor gave no hearings on the bill, it was impossible for myself or any of the Comrades to have an interview with him. However, a committee, consisting of Comrades Ward, Ryan, myself and others had an interview with Cuthbert W. Pound, Counsel to the Governor, in regard to it. The bill was drawn by Comrade Ward, and he rendered me great assistance in my work, to secure the passage of this bill. I desire at this time to express my thanks to all Comrades in this Department who kindly took part in securing legislation favorable to Spanish War Veterans.

I recommend that an effort to pass the Poor Relief bill be continued at the next session of the Legislature, and that an effort be made to get the bill in the hands of the Governor early enough so that it will be necessary for the Governor to veto it to prevent it from becoming a law. I anticipate no trouble in passing the bill again in the Assembly and in the Senate, and I am quite confident that it would not be vetoed. I also recommend that the bill, giving those who served in the Regular Army the same preference in the Civil Service Law as those who served in the Volunteer Army now have, be again introduced.

I prepared a blank for the use of Camp Quartermasters in rendering their report to Camps, and had one thousand blanks printed. These blanks have all been disposed of, and I have taken the matter up with the Commander-in-Chief, Charles R. Miller, of having these blanks printed by and issued from National Head-

quarters, and I believe that it has been adopted, and that these blanks can be obtained from the Adjutant-General.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) A. B. GILFILLAN,
Department Judge-Advocate, U. S. W. V.

This report was referred to Committee on State of the Organization.

Report of Department Quartermaster Charles Leimbach.

COMRADES: I have the honor to submit to you the following report, covering all receipts and expenditures of money, how per capita tax was transmitted, number of comrades each Camp paid for, number of delegates allowed to each Camp on the paid up membership and new Camps organized during the year. Amount of money outstanding for the last six months in 1906.

1905		<i>Money Received.</i>	
Aug.	24.	Balance on hand per last report.....	\$76 21
Sept.	13.	Griffin Engineer, No. 31.....	2 55
	25.	William H. Hubbell, No. 4.....	12 50
Oct.	2.	Admiral Sampson, No. 48.....	75
	4.	L. Boardman Smith, No. 25.....	18 20
		Baron Steuben, No. 47.....	1 15
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	5.	Admiral Philip Naval, No. 18.....	3 75
		Col. H. W. Hubbell, No. 24.....	2 90
	6.	Admiral Schley Naval, No. 16.....	5 25
	9.	Gen. Eugene Griffin, No. 11.....	3 85
		Neptune Naval, No. 30.....	6 65
		Sergeant Hamilton Fish, No. 46.....	2 65
	11.	Gloucester Naval, No. 5.....	6 30
		E. M. Hoffman, No. 40.....	1 75
		Col. J. W. Vrooman, No. 51.....	2 00
	12.	Franklin C. Warner, No. 52.....	1 60
	13.	Capt. Frank Rockwell Palmer, No. 28.....	7 55
	16.	Bucky O'Neill, No. 15.....	1 00
		Marcus D. Russell, No. 2.....	3 00
	17.	Naval, No. 49.....	1 35
	18.	Capron, No. 22.....	2 40
		Defendam, No. 36.....	1 95
	19.	Warren A. Wilson, No. 9.....	2 45
	24.	Medina, No. 50.....	1 30
	26.	Oscar Ross Wheeler, No. 35.....	1 95
	28.	Winfield S. Overton, Jr., No. 29.....	1 45
	31.	Niagara Falls, No. 7.....	3 20
Nov.	1.	William R. Carner, No. 8.....	1 05

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Money Received — Continued:

Nov.	2.	Alfred C. Weller, No. 32.....	\$1 80
	3.	Henry J. Reilly, No. 34.....	3 25
		Major Frank Keck, No. 53.....	2 40
	8.	Wallace F. Randolph, No. 27.....	1 95
	10.	E. H. Liscum, No. 33.....	3 85
	16.	Gen. Francis V. Greene, No. 54.....	1 50
	17.	Col. Walter Scott, No. 42.....	1 95
	20.	G. D. Russell, No. 43.....	2 35
	29.	Emerson H. Liscum, No. 14.....	4 00
		Manhattan, No. 1.....	13 80
Dec.	9.	Lawton, No. 21.....	6 25
	12.	Col. Stephen Y. Seyburn, No. 13.....	3 20
	20.	Defendam, No. 36.....	6 63
		Old Guard, No. 19.....	1 00
	21.	Major Frank Keck, No. 53.....	6 25
1906			
Jan.	4.	Theodore Roosevelt, No. 10.....	3 00
		Gen. Guy V. Henry, No. 38.....	3 90
		Griffin Engineers, No. 31.....	6 00
	6.	Capt. Frank Rockwell Palmer, No. 28.....	13 13
	8.	Admiral Sampson, No. 48.....	2 13
		L. Boardman Smith, No. 25.....	28 75
		Norman W. Crosby, No. 37.....	1 75
	9.	Naval, No. 49.....	4 13
	15.	Sergeant Hamilton Fish, No. 46.....	6 25
		Warren A. Wilson, No. 9.....	5 75
		Joseph S. Decker, No. 20.....	1 55
	16.	E. M. Hoffman, No. 40.....	4 75
	19.	Admiral Philip Naval, No. 18.....	9 13
	20.	Admiral Schley Naval Squadron, No. 16.....	11 62
	21.	Gloucester Naval, No. 5.....	15 50
	23.	Gen. Eugene Griffin, No. 11.....	9 38
		Bruso Chauncey, No. 41.....	70
		Bruso Chauncey, No. 41.....	1 40
	25.	Col. Walter Scott, No. 42.....	5 00
	30.	Hon. Stephen Sanford, No. 6.....	2 60
Feb.		Franklin C. Warner, No. 52.....	4 25
		Emerson H. Liscum, No. 14.....	10 00
	1.	Major Louis B. Lawton, No. 39.....	7 00
	2.	William H. Hubbell, No. 4.....	28 25
	3.	G. D. Russell, No. 43.....	6 25
	8.	Theodore Roosevelt, No. 10.....	7 50
		Bruso Chauncey, No. 41.....	35
		Niagara Falls, No. 7.....	6 50
	10.	Medina, No. 50.....	3 50
		Col. Henry W. Hubbell, No. 24.....	6 63
	14.	Major Louis B. Lawton, No. 39.....	2 25
	20.	William R. Carmer, No. 8.....	3 00
	24.	Herbert R. Tracy, No. 55.....	3 00
		Oscar Ross Wheeler, No. 35.....	2 00

1906		<i>Money Received — Continued:</i>	
Feb.	27.	Thomas H. Barber, No. 3.....	\$2 10
		Robert C. Anderson, No. 26.....	2 50
		Wallace F. Randolph, No. 27.....	6 13
		James M. Jarvis, No. 23.....	4 98
March	7.	Fourteenth Regiment, No. 12.....	3 85
	8.	Marcus D. Russell, No. 2.....	7 75
		Alfred C. Weller, No. 32.....	1 80
	13.	Samuel M. Porter, No. 45.....	2 25
		Old Guard, No. 19.....	10 75
	16.	Oscar Ross Wheeler, No. 35.....	3 00
	19.	Major Gen. R. P. Hughes, No. 17.....	1 40
		Major Gen. R. P. Hughes, No. 17.....	60
	23.	Robert C. Anderson, No. 26.....	6 50
		Gen. Francis V. Greene, No. 54.....	3 75
April	24.	Norman W. Crosby, No. 37.....	3 38
	26.	Neptune Naval, No. 30.....	10 75
	3.	Bucky O'Neill, No. 15.....	2 50
	6.	E. H. Liscum, No. 33.....	8 50
		Major Gen. R. P. Hughes, No. 17.....	2 90
	7.	Henry J. Reilly, No. 34.....	9 25
	12.	Col. Stephen Y. Seyburn, No. 13.....	8 83
	14.	Capron, No. 22.....	6 25
	20.	William Cary Sanger, No. 57.....	69
	25.	Gen. Guy V. Henry, No. 38.....	9 75
	28.	Baron Steuben, No. 47.....	2 88
	30.	Hugo E. Kruse, No. 61.....	88
May	4.	Saratoga, No. 58.....	2 81
	5.	Louis W. Carlisle, No. 56.....	2 76
	8.	Manhattan, No. 1.....	32 50
		Lawton, No. 21.....	15 63
	9.	Col. J. W. Vrooman, No. 51.....	4 50
	10.	Samuel M. Porter, No. 45.....	7 13
	18.	Winfield S. Overton, Jr., No. 29.....	3 13
	19.	Hon. Stephen Sanford, No. 6.....	6 25
	27.	Fourteenth Regiment, No. 12.....	9 63
June	7.	Major J. K. Sague, No. 44.....	9 88
	9.	Captain Allyn Capron, No. 60.....	1 50
	14.	Niagara Falls, No. 7.....	8 00
	15.	Defendam, No. 36.....	8 75
	16.	David Wilson, No. 59.....	54
	19.	Joseph S. Decker, No. 20.....	3 75
		Admiral Sampson, No. 48.....	2 38
	21.	Sergeant Hamilton Fish, No. 46.....	7 25
		Thomas H. Barber, No. 3.....	5 25
	23.	Old Guard, No. 19.....	18 25
July	28.	Alfred C. Weller, No. 32.....	4 75
	30.	E. M. Hoffman, No. 40.....	5 25
	2.	Samuel M. Porter, No. 45.....	7 13
	6.	Major Frank Keck, No. 53.....	7 38
		William McKinley, No. 62.....	2 75
		William R. Carmer, No. 8.....	3 13

1906		<i>Money Received — Continued:</i>	
July	7.	James M. Jarvis, No. 23.....	\$10 62
	10.	Naval, No. 49.....	4 88
		Gen. Eugene Griffin, No. 11.....	7 38
		Gloucester Naval, No. 5.....	16 50
		Gen. Guy V. Henry, No. 38.....	10 00
		Col. H. W. Hubbell, No. 24.....	6 38
		Capron, No. 22.....	6 13
		Col. Walter Scott, No. 42.....	5 25
		Baron Steuben, No. 47.....	3 00
		Emerson H. Liscum, No. 14.....	9 50
	12.	Lawton, No. 21.....	11 25
	13.	Robert C. Anderson, No. 26.....	7 75
	14.	Norman W. Crosby, No. 37.....	3 38
	16.	E. H. Liscum, No. 33.....	9 50
		William H. Hubbell, No. 4.....	28 75
		Griffin Engineer, No. 31.....	6 00
		Col. Stephen Y. Seyburn, No. 13.....	10 63
	20.	Hugo E. Kruse, No. 61.....	1 75
		Marcus D. Russell, No. 2.....	9 62
	21.	G. D. Russell, No. 43.....	8 00
		Admiral Schley Naval Squadron, No. 16.....	13 88
	23.	Bruso Chauncey, No. 41.....	2 00
		Captain Allyn Capron, No. 60.....	4 50
		L. Boardman Smith, No. 25.....	29 13
	24.	Col. J. W. Vrooman, No. 51.....	5 00
		David Wilson, No. 59.....	1 63
	25.	Herbert L. Tracy, No. 55.....	3 13
	27.	Hon. Stephen Sanford, No. 6.....	6 25
		Hoosick, No. 63.....	3 38
		Franklin C. Warner, No. 52.....	4 38
	28.	Neptune Naval, No. 30.....	9 00
		Oscar Ross Wheeler, No. 35.....	4 87
		Saratoga, No. 58.....	5 75
	30.	Manhattan, No. 1.....	36 88
		Warren A. Wilson, No. 9.....	5 50
		Admiral Philip Naval, No. 18.....	9 88
August	1.	Louis W. Carlisle, No. 56.....	4 50
	3.	Henry J. Reilly, No. 34.....	7 63
		Medina, No. 50.....	3 38
		Joseph S. Decker, No. 20.....	3 75
		Fourteenth Regiment, No. 12.....	9 63
	4.	Bucky O'Neill, No. 15.....	2 50
		Major Louis B. Lawton, No. 39.....	7 25
	5.	Major Gen. R. P. Hughes, No. 17.....	3 75
	6.	Winfield S. Overton, Jr., No. 29.....	3 13
		Theodore Roosevelt, No. 10.....	9 50
		Capt. Frank Rockwell Palmer, No. 28.....	13 75
Total			\$1,163 04

Disbursements as per Authorized Vouchers.

All duly received and itemized bills with receipts for payments made, are in each case attached to voucher.

1905.			
Sept.	16.	Voucher No. 1.....	\$21 25
Oct.	3.	Voucher No. 2.....	9 00
	9.	Voucher No. 3.....	14 75
	16.	Voucher No. 4.....	3 45
Nov.	15.	Voucher No. 5.....	13 00
	27.	Voucher No. 6.....	113 93
	29.	Voucher No. 7.....	42 63
Dec.	12.	Voucher No. 8.....	5 36
	28.	Voucher No. 9.....	16 25
1906.			
Jan.	8.	Voucher No. 10.....	8 96
	27.	Voucher No. 11.....	96 63
Feb.	24.	Voucher No. 12.....	41 49
March	5.	Voucher No. 13.....	14 75
	6.	Voucher No. 14.....	17 75
	6.	Voucher No. 15.....	4 87
	15.	Voucher No. 16.....	1 00
April	6.	Voucher No. 17.....	16 00
	17.	Voucher No. 18.....	72 61
	25.	Voucher No. 19.....	39 35
May	2.	Voucher No. 20.....	23 25
June	8.	Voucher No. 21.....	25 00
	19.	Voucher No. 22.....	3 50
	30.	Voucher No. 23.....	16 00
July	11.	Voucher No. 24.....	1 66
	17.	Voucher No. 25.....	68 77
		Voucher No. 26.....	10 25
	23.	Voucher No. 27.....	38 43
	28.	Voucher No. 28.....	17 00
August	7.	Voucher No. 29.....	25 00
		Voucher No. 30.....	78 23
		Voucher No. 31.....	77 16
Total Disbursements.....			<u>\$937 28</u>
Total Receipts.....			\$1,163 04
Total Disbursements.....			<u>937 28</u>
Cash Balance on hand.....			\$225 76
Department per capita tax to December 31, 1906, outstanding			<u>31 14</u>
Resources available to December 31, 1906.....			<u>\$256 90</u>

Cash receipts and disbursements have been examined by the Council of Administration and approved, as attested by these signatures:

(Signed) H. A. ELY,
 (Signed) JOHN T. OATES,
 (Signed) WILLIAM C. WILD,
 (Signed) MICHAEL W. HALBLAUB,
 (Signed) JAMES E. SMITH.

Article 7, section 14 of the Rules and Regulations provides one (1) delegate for every fifty (50) Comrades or a major fraction thereof.

In addition article 6, section 2, provides that all present and past Department Commanders, present Department officers and all present and past Camp Commanders are members of this Encampment.

The following Camps have not complied with section 3 of General Order No. 10, wherein a Department per capita tax of 12½ cents per Comrade is levied, the same to be paid on or before July 15, 1906.

Money outstanding and due to the Department for the last six (6) months in 1906 as follows:

The following amounts as based upon the last known paid up membership of each Camp.

No.	Name.	No. comrades last reported.	Amount due.
3	Thomas H. Barber.....	42	\$5 25
27	W. F. Randolph.....	49	6 13
32	A. C. Weller.....	38	4 75
44	Major J. K. Sague.....	79	9 88
54	Gen. Francis V. Greene.....	30	3 75
57	William Cary Sanger.....	11	1 38

Total amount due from the aforesaid camps to the Department	\$31 14
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SEMI-ANNUAL RETURNS OF CAMPS, JUNE 30, 1906.

By direction of the Department Commander, and in compliance with section 8 of article 7 of the Rules and Regulations, one (1) copy of the semi-annual return of each Camp should have been forwarded to the Department Quartermaster.

The following Camps have not complied with the foregoing direction of the Department Commander:

W. A. Wilson, No. 9; W. F. Randolph, No. 27; W. S. Overton, Jr., No. 29; Col. J. W. Vrooman, No. 51; Gen. Francis V. Greene, No. 54; William Cary Sanger, No. 57; Hoosick, No. 63.

The Adjutant of each Camp is charged by the Rules and Regulations, section 8, article 7, to prepare all reports and returns required of him. Adjutants of foregoing Camps have been very lax in their duty in this instance, and should be required by their respective Commanders to be more prompt in their correspondence in order to place their Camps in the front rank of our organization.

CERTIFICATE OF DELEGATES.

The Department Commander directed the Commander of each Camp to forward to the Department Quartermaster a copy of the certificate of Delegates and Alternate Delegates elected by each camp, and signed by the Commander and Adjutant of each Camp for the use of the Credential Committee.

The following Camps have not complied with the above instructions:

W. F. Randolph, No. 27; Major Louis B. Lawton, No. 39; E. M. Hoffman, No. 40; Baron Steuben, No. 47; Gen. Francis V. Greene, No. 54; Herbert R. Tracy, No. 55; Louis W. Carlisle, No. 56; William Cary Sanger, No. 57; Captain Allyn Capron, No. 60.

Through the untiring efforts of the Department Commander, and those Comrades who assisted him in the organization of new Camps, the following Camps have been recorded upon the books of the Department Quartermaster from August, 1905, to August, 1906:

No.	Camp.	
55.	Herbert L. Tracy.....	Whitehall.
56.	Louis W. Carlisle.....	Watertown.
57.	William Cary Sanger.....	Ogdensburg.
58.	Saratoga.....	Saratoga Springs.
59.	David Wilson.....	New York City.
60.	Captain Allyn Capron.....	Olean.
61.	Hugo E. Kruse.....	Corona, L. I.
62.	William McKinley.....	Brooklyn
63.	Hoosick	Hoosick Falls.

This is an increase of nine (9) Camps since our last Department Encampment, making a total of sixty-three (63) Camps in the Department of New York.

We must heartily congratulate those Comrades and thank them for the work they have done in the upbuilding of our order.

The correspondence of the Department Quartermaster's office has been rather heavy during the year.

General Orders received from Department Commander and placed on file, 11; letters received from the Department Commander, 123; letters and returns from Camps and Comrades, 497; letters and receipts sent out from the Quartermaster's office, 621; making a total of 1,252 letters passed through the office during the year.

I feel grateful toward those Comrades who have answered all communications promptly.

I again recommend to all Comrades who have been lax in their correspondence or in forwarding duly levied per capita tax promptly, to consider that if you wish to have a good Camp formed on business principles every member thereof must pay his dues promptly, and every Comrade thereof must perform his duty promptly and cheerfully. The same rule applies to the Department. If every Camp pays the duly levied per capita tax, when due, we will have a healthy Department.

I wish to thank the many Comrades who have helped me by their promptness and attention to duty while I have been Department Quartermaster.

To the Department Commander, I am indeed grateful and I appreciate very much the honor conferred upon me in appointing me the Department Quartermaster.

I am indeed thankful to you for the trust and confidence you have placed in me, charging me with the care of the finances of this Department.

I did assume a responsibility at that time. In order to ascertain if your trust has been well placed and the numerous duties you have charged me with have been properly performed, I respectfully request you to appoint an Auditing Committee, and

instruct the Council of Administration to examine and audit the books and vouchers of my office.

I salute you most fraternally,

(Signed) CHARLES LEIMBACH,
Department Quartermaster, U. S. W. V.

By COMRADE HAMILTON WARD:

I move that the portion of the Department Quartermaster's report relating to finance be referred to the Committee on Finance, and the portion relating to credentials, referred to the Committee on Credentials. (Carried.)

Suggestion made by Department Commander C. A. Simmons that a meeting of all committees and of the Department Council of Administration be called for 1:30 P. M., at room 220, Hotel Kenmore.

Motion made, seconded and carried that the Encampment adjourn until 2:15 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Encampment called to order at 2:30 P. M., Monday, August 6, 1906. Minutes of morning session read and approved.

Report by Comrade Hamilton Ward on stand of colors sent to California Comrades:

I have the honor to advise you that, in pursuance of your designation, appointing me a committee of one to receive and forward subscriptions to distressed Comrades in California, due to the recent great disaster there, I have communicated with the San Francisco Camps, Junior Vice-Commander of the National organization, E. E. Kirk, residing at San Francisco, and other Comrades in California, and from all of them received replies, advising me that the organization, while much afflicted, still declined to receive financial aid. It was, however, suggested by Comrade E. E. Kirk, that the two San Francisco Camps which had lost all of their property and equipment would appreciate a gift of a stand of colors. I have, therefore, purchased two stands of colors, of regulation size, and had manufactured a yellow silk streamer with the name

of the organization inscribed in red letters thereon, as provided by the regulations, which, together with the necessary belts, covers, eagles, etc., was forwarded by me to Edwin S. Bean, Esq., Commander of Nelson A. Miles Camp, U. S. W. V., No. 2131 Center street, Berkeley, Cal.; also to Edward L. Duncan, Esq., Commander of Rheinhold-Richter Camp, No. 2, 3335 Nineteenth street, San Francisco, Cal., July 7th, by Wells-Fargo Express, prepaid, accompanied by a letter to the Commander of each Camp, as follows:

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE.—As a committee appointed by the Department Commander of New York, U. S. W. V., and in behalf of that Department, I have the honor to present to your Camp a regulation stand of colors with a suitable streamer and other necessary equipment, inscribed on the staff on a silver plate “New York’s tribute to California’s Courage.” This brief phrase expresses more than I could, perhaps, in a lengthy discourse, the purpose of the gift and the spirit that underlies it.

We honor those soldierly qualities which you have exhibited in hours of danger and disaster, and we feel that we are being honored in being permitted to recognize in this slight way the comradeship which exists, and must continue, among those who served under the Stars and Stripes in 1898.

With the sincerest expressions of friendship, the Department of New York salutes you and wishes you Godspeed.

I have the honor to remain,

Yours very respectfully,

(Signed) HAMILTON WARD,

Committee representing Department of New York.

The receipts from the various Camps are as follows:

Admiral Philip’s Camp No. 18, Brooklyn, N. Y. . . .	\$5 00
Stephen Y. Seyburn Camp No. 13, Buffalo, N. Y. . .	5 00
M. D. Russell Camp No. 2, Troy, N. Y.	20 00
Manhattan Camp No. 1, New York, N. Y.	5 00
Captain Allyn Capron Camp No. 60, Olean, N. Y. .	2 00
James E. Smith, M. D., Albany, N. Y. (personal check)	5 00

Peter E. Bartnett, Norman W. Crosby Camp, New Rochelle, N. Y.	\$1 00
R. P. Hughes Camp, Buffalo, N. Y.	5 00
Total	\$58 00

The balance of the money has been advanced by me. Hugo E. Kruse Camp No. 61, Corona, L. I., and Admiral Philip's Camp No. 18, Brooklyn, each contributed \$15 on receipt of the circular from Department Headquarters. When it became evident that San Francisco would not accept financial aid, I advised those, contributing substantial sums, to this effect, and Hugo E. Kruse Camp No. 61, and Admiral Philip's Naval Camp No. 18, requested the return of their subscription, which was much larger than they could reasonably be expected to make for the purchase of the colors, although Philip's Camp subsequently sent \$5 subscribed for this purpose.

The disbursements are as follows:

2 pieces silk streamers, \$8	\$16 00
2 flags complete, \$30	60 00
2 pieces and bands for poles, \$2.25	4 50
Express charges to San Francisco	3 70
Express charges to Berkeley	3 50
	\$87 70

It is a source of regret to your committee that so few Camps have contributed to this purpose, and it will be observed that nearly one-half of the amount contributed has been contributed by M. D. Russell Camp No. 2, Troy, N. Y.

In conclusion, I desire to say that I appreciate the honor of representing the Department of New York in this pleasant task, and I believe that such acts tend to cement that spirit of comradeship which stands for "no North, no South, no East, no West," but one united and indivisible Republic.

Faternally,

(Signed) HAMILTON WARD.

At the conclusion of the rendition of this report, Comrade Ward read the following letters:

HEADQUARTERS, NELSON A. MILES CAMP, No. 10,
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., July 16, 1906.

COMRADE HAMILTON WARD, *Committee representing the Dept. of*
N. Y., U. S. W. V., Buffalo, N. Y.:

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE.—At a meeting of Nelson A. Miles Camp No. 10, Department of California, U. S. W. V., the following resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote, a copy thereof ordered to be transmitted to the Department of New York through its committee:

Resolved, That the thanks of Nelson A. Miles Camp No. 10, Department of California, U. S. W. V., are hereby tendered to our Comrades of the Department of New York, for their generous, magnanimous and comradely action in presenting us with a regulation stand of colors, to replace those lost by us in the great holocaust of April 18 to 21, 1906, and that words are inadequate to express our feelings, at such a grand exhibition of that soldierly spirit that binds us closer than brothers; and be it further

Resolved, That our thanks are but a feeble expression of our feelings in the reception of this magnificent gift, and we stretch forth our hands from the Golden State on the Pacific, to the Empire State on the Atlantic, and grasp each Comrade by the hand, and say "God bless you, Comrade."

(Signed) JOHN T. COSTELLO,
Commander.

THOMAS F. CONNELLY,
Adjutant.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., July 25, 1906.

COMRADE HAMILTON WARD, *Committee representing the Dept. of*
N. Y., U. S. W. V., Buffalo, N. Y.:

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE.—At a regular meeting of Reinhold Richter Camp No. 2, Department of California, U. S. W. V., it was unanimously moved by a rising vote, that the following resolution be transmitted to the Department of New York through its committee:

Resolved, In the acknowledgment and acceptance of the magnificent stand of colors with which you have honored us, we beg to tender our collective thanks to the Department of New York, to yourself and the Comrades, for New York's tribute to California's courage. May we always have the courage of our convictions, and knowing right from wrong, the courage to do right. Believing that the colors of a Camp represent its honor, we pledge you that the patriotism and standing of this Camp shall always be worthy of the glorious emblem with which you have honored us; and be it further

Resolved, That our thanks are but a feeble expression of our feeling as we stretch our hands from the Golden State of the Pacific to the Empire State on the Atlantic, and grasp each Comrade by the hand, and say, "God bless you Comrades."

(Signed) EDWARD L. DUNCAN,
Commander.

GEORGE A. RAYMOND,
Adjutant.

JACOB J. MAHR,
JOHN M. CROMLEY,
Committee.

By COMRADE DANIEL J. MURPHY:

That the report of Comrade Ward be accepted and that the committee be discharged with the thanks of the Department. (Carried.)

Department Commander Simmons read communication from Army and Navy Union sending greetings to this Encampment, as follows:

CAPTAIN C. A. SIMMONS, *Department Commander, U. S. W. V., Albany, N. Y.:*

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE.—On behalf of the Army and Navy Union, Department of New York, I herewith send our most respectful and affectionate greetings to the Comrades of the Department of New York, United Spanish War Veterans, assembled in annual encampment at Albany, N. Y.

Yours fraternally,
(Signed) JAMES S. LONG,
Provisional Department Commander.

By COMRADE BRADSTREET:

That section 7 of article 3 of Departmental Rules and Regulations be suspended during this Encampment. (Carried.)

By COMRADE MAURICE SIMMONS:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested through proper channels to issue an order directing the heads of all Federal Departments to grant leave of absence to such governmental employees who are members of this Order, who desire to attend the approaching National Encampment in Washington, D. C.

Comrade W. C. Wild moved that this resolution be referred as suggested. (Carried unanimously.)

By COMRADE JAMES F. COURT:

Resolved, By the United Spanish War Veterans of the Department of New York, in encampment assembled, that Article VI of the Rules and Regulations be amended to read as follows: By striking out the word "board or boards" wherever they appear in said article, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "council or councils."

This resolution was referred to Committee on Rules and Regulations.

By COMRADE SAUL CAMING:

WHEREAS it has come to the knowledge of Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp that certain members of the United Spanish War Veterans have allowed themselves to fall in arrears for dues to this organization, and,

WHEREAS these Comrades, while in arrears and cognizant of the fact, have allowed themselves to be mustered into another Camp, knowing that the prescribed Rules and Regulations of the United Spanish War Veterans were thus being transgressed, and

WHEREAS these Camps, into which these Comrades have been re-mustered, have no means by which they may protect themselves against fraud of this nature, be it

Resolved, That we instruct our delegates to the Department Encampment to place this matter before that body to the end that hereafter Department Headquarters in its General Orders publish from time to time the names of Comrades (with the Company, Regiment or Ship in which they had served) who may be dropped or dishonorably discharged from any United Spanish War Veterans Camp.

Comrade Court offered the following amendment to this resolution and moved its adoption immediately:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Encampment that the Department Commander should publish in every issue of General Orders the name of every person dishonorably discharged from any Camp of the United Spanish War Veterans in this State since the issue of the last preceding General Order, together with the reason for such dishonorable discharge; and be it further

Resolved, That if any such person so discharged be reinstated as a member of any Camp within this State, the Commander thereof shall forthwith so notify the Department Commander, giving the reason for such reinstatement, which facts should be published in the next General Orders issued by him.

This resolution and amendment was referred to Committee on Rules and Regulations.

By COMRADE SAUL CAMING:

WHEREAS the appointments of Camp Adjutant and Camp Quartermaster of the United Spanish War Veterans, according to the prescribed Rules and Regulations, are made by the Camp Commander, and

WHEREAS in the estimation of Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp this method of appointment of the Camp Adjutant and Camp Quartermaster is detrimental to the interest and welfare of the Camps inasmuch as in the appointment of these officers by the Commander collusion may exist, in case a Commander wished to favor incompetent Comrades, and

WHEREAS all Comrades should be entitled to a voice in the election of these officers as in the election of the remainder of the officers, be it

Resolved, That the delegates of this Camp to the Department Encampment, lay this matter before that body to the end that the Rules and Regulations of the United Spanish War Veterans be amended, directing that Camp Adjutants and Camp Quartermasters be elected in the same manner as the other Camp officers.

This resolution was referred to Committee on Rules and Regulations.

By COMRADE H. P. HAMLIN:

Resolved, That section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution regarding the election of Trustees be amended so that Trustees shall be elected for three (3) years. At the first annual election of officers after this amendment shall have been approved by the National Encampment, one Trustee shall be elected for one year, one for two years and one for three years, and each succeeding year thereafter one Trustee shall be elected for three years. The Trustee having the shortest time to serve shall be Chairman of the Board.

This resolution was referred to Committee on Rules and Regulations.

By COMRADE DANIEL J. MURPHY:

That the Department Commander, Senior or Junior Vice-Commander for the time being located in the city of New York, shall preside at all meetings of the delegates from the several District Boards.

By COMRADE E. H. WOHLER:

Resolved, That section 1, Article VII of the Rules and Regulations of the United Spanish War Veterans be amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Camps to be chartered.—A Camp may be formed and a charter granted by the Commander-in-Chief on application of not less than ten members eligible to membership. But no charter shall be granted to any Camp in any city in which there

is a "District Council," unless the application for said charter be approved by the Council having jurisdiction in the territory in which the Camp is proposed to be instituted. No Camp shall be recognized unless a charter has been granted to it as herein provided.

This resolution was referred to Committee on Rules and Regulations.

By COMRADE W. J. CUNNINGHAM:

I move that the incoming officers of the Department of New York be instructed by the delegates of this Encampment to provide for the securing of a set of colors for the Department of New York to be in the custody of the Department Adjutant.

Referred to Committee on State of the Organization.

Meetings were then called of Committee on Rules and Regulations, Committee on State of the Organization, and Committee on Appeals and Grievances, to meet immediately after adjournment to consider resolutions which had been referred to the several committees.

Comrade H. C. Todd of Saratoga Camp, extended a most cordial invitation to the Department Encampment to hold its next session in Saratoga Springs.

Comrade J. J. McMullen of Gen. Eugene Griffin Camp moved that the matter of revising or adding to our Ritual be submitted by the Department Encampment to the proper committee.

This was seconded by Comrade James E. Smith. After some discussion it was decided that the Comrades from Gen. Eugene Griffin Camp be given a hearing before the Committee on State of the Organization in order that they might make any suggestion back to the Department Encampment with reference to adding to any portion of the ritualistic work.

The following report was made by the Committee on Credentials showing authorized delegates present:

Manhattan Camp	9
M. D. Russell Camp	7
T. H. Barber Camp	2
W. H. Hubbell Camp	7
Gloucester Naval Camp	6
Hon. Stephen Sanford Camp	2
Niagara Falls Camp	1
Wm. R. Carmer Camp	1
Warren A. Wilson Camp	1
Theodore Roosevelt Camp	2
Gen. Eugene Griffin Camp	5
Fourteenth Regiment Camp	2
Col. S. Y. Seyburn Camp	3
Emerson H. Liscum Camp	1
Bucky O'Neill Camp	1
Admiral Schley Naval Squadron	3
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Lawton Camp	2
Capron Camp	1
J. M. Jarvis Camp	2
Col. H. W. Hubbell Camp.....	1
L. Boardman Smith Camp.....	5
R. C. Anderson Camp.....	1
W. F. Randolph Camp.....	1
Captain F. R. Palmer Camp.....	8
W. S. Overton, Jr., Camp.....	1
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Oscar Ross Wheeler Camp.....	1
Defendam Camp	2
N. W. Crosby Camp.....	1
General Guy V. Henry Camp.....	4
Bruso Chauncey Camp	1
Colonel Walter Scott Camp.....	3

G. D. Russell Camp.....	1
S. M. Porter Camp.....	1
Major J. K. Sague Camp.....	3
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Colonel J. W. Vrooman Camp.....	1
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Total	130

Report also showed following Department officers entitled to representation: Department Commander C. A. Simmons, Department Senior Vice Commander H. A. Ely, Department Junior Vice Commander John T. Oates, Department Inspector Wm. J. S. Dineen, Department Medical Director J. S. Wilson, Department Judge-Advocate A. B. Gilfillan, Department Chaplain W. H. I. Reany, Department Quartermaster Charles Leimbach, W. C. Wild, W. J. Cunningham, James E. Smith, Peter Krug, total of twelve Department officers; complete total 142.

BY COMRADE B. E. SECOR:

That the Nominating Committee be done away with and all nominations made from the floor.

Comrade D. J. Murphy offered the following amendment to this motion, which amendment was accepted by Comrade Secor: That the delegates from each Camp select a member from their Camp for the Nominating Committee.

A second amendment was offered as follows: That this committee as so chosen select its own Chairman.

After discussion the original motion with the two amendments was put to a vote and carried.

Five minutes recess was then taken to allow delegates to elect their members of the Nominating Committee.

Department Chaplain Reaney was appointed temporary chairman of the Nominating Committee, and called a meeting for 9 A. M. Tuesday.

Upon motion of Comrade Secor the Encampment adjourned until 10 A. M., Tuesday, August 7th.

MORNING SESSION.

Encampment called to order at 11 A. M., Tuesday, August 7.

Minutes of Monday afternoon session read and approved.

Invocation by Department Chaplain W. H. I. Reaney.

Report made by Department Council of Administration on report of Department Quartermaster Leimbach, as follows:

Report of Department Council of Administration.

The Council of Administration having carefully examined the accounts and vouchers of the Department Quartermaster, find them correct in every particular. The cash balance in hand was counted and found correct as per vouchers submitted, amounting to \$406.15.

The Council unanimously voted the payment of \$60 each, for extra postage, to the Adjutant and Quartermaster.

It was also unanimously decided, after carefully weighing the advantages and conditions, as presented, of Elmira and Saratoga as a meeting place for the next Encampment that the invitation of the Elmira Camp be accepted, and the next encampment be held in Elmira at a date to be determined upon later.

In auditing the accounts of the Quartermaster, the Council desire to commend to the delegates assembled, the high efficiency displayed by him in the discharge of his duties.

(Signed) H. A. ELY,

(Signed) JOHN T. OATES,

(Signed) JAMES E. SMITH,

(Signed) MICHAEL W. HALBLAUB,

(Signed) WILLIAM C. WILD.

BY COMRADE D. J. MURPHY:

That the report of the Committee be accepted as read, and the Committee be discharged with the thanks of the Encampment. (Carried.)

On motion of Clinton P. Hamilton, the Committee on Appeals and Grievances was discharged with the thanks of the Encampment.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations.

The resolutions introduced by Comrade Wohler, of Emerson H. Liscum Camp No. 14, are approved by the committee, which moves their reference to the National Encampment and recommend their adoption by that body.

The resolution presented to the Encampment by Comrade H. P. Hamlin, of Franklin C. Warner Camp No. 52, is approved by the committee, which moves its reference to the National Encampment and recommends its adoption.

The resolution presented by Comrade Saul Caming, of Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46, concerning appointment of Camp Adjutant and Camp Quartermaster, is reported back to the Encampment without recommendation or approval.

The amendment offered by Comrade James F. Court to the resolution presented by Comrade Saul Caming, of Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46, has been considered, and the committee recommends the adoption of the amendment in place of the resolution.

The committee would recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved by the United Spanish War Veterans of the Department of New York in Encampment assembled, That Article VI be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE VI.

District Councils.

Section 1. Whenever two or more Camps are organized in the same vicinity, or political division, they may, for the control and management of such matters as are of common interest, organize a District Council. Each Borough of the city of New York is hereby declared a political division for District Council purposes.

§ 2. Each Council shall take its name from the locality in which it is organized, and shall be known as The Council.

§ 3. Each Council shall (subject to the rules of this Organization) exercise exclusive jurisdiction and control over affairs affecting the members and Camps within its own district only; and each Camp shall send delegates only to the Council in the district wherein it is located and to no other.

§ 4. If there be but one Camp established in any Borough, it shall, until the establishment of another Camp therein, be regarded as, and have all the powers of, a Council within its district.

§ 5. The Council shall consist of all officers of the National Encampment, and of the Department Encampment, who are members of Camps represented on said Council, the Commander of each Camp and one delegate for each twenty-five members in good standing or majority fraction thereof, which said membership shall be determined by the reports made to Department Headquarters in the months of January and July, and shall be the number upon which per capita tax has been paid to the Department. The receipt of the Department Adjutant or Quartermaster, for the same, together with a statement from the Camp Commander, giving the membership in good standing, shall be prima facie evidence of the number of delegates to which each Camp is entitled. Provided, however, that each Camp shall be entitled to elect two delegates to represent it at its Council. In the event that the Commander cannot attend any meeting of said Council, the Vice-Commander next in rank and able to attend may represent the Camp, and in the event that a regularly elected delegate cannot attend a meeting of said Council, he shall notify his Camp thereof at the preceding meeting, and the Camp may elect an alternate in his place and stead.

§ 6. The officers of a Council shall be: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Marshal, Sergeant-at-Arms, who shall be elected from the members of the Council by ballot at the first meeting of said Council in the month of February of each year, and shall hold office for one year, or until their successors are elected and qualified.

§ 7. The duties of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Sergeant-at-Arms shall be similar to the duties prescribed for the Commander, Senior Vice-Commander, Adjutant, Quartermaster and Officer of the Day of a Camp.

§ 8. No person shall be permitted to sit as a delegate or alternate delegate at any of the meetings of any Council or to attend the same, unless in possession of the National countersign and Department parole, and it shall be the duty of the Sergeant-at-Arms to examine all those present at the opening of each session and ascertain if they are in possession of the same. All those not in possession thereof shall be excluded from the meeting.

§ 9. Regular meetings shall be held in each month, excepting July and August, and special meetings may be called by the Chairman whenever he deems it necessary, and shall be called by him upon application in writing signed by the majority of the members from the majority of the Camps.

§ 10. The Chairman shall appoint, within one week after his election, the following permanent committees, to consist of not less than three members:

1. Legislation and Pensions.
2. Employment and Relief.
3. Ceremonies and Cemeteries.
4. Finance and Accounts.
5. Entertainment and Press.

The duties of such committees shall be those usually performed by similar committees and as determined by the Council.

§ 11. Each Council may adopt by-laws and rules of order.

§ 12. Councils may levy assessments to defray its expenses, which said assessments shall be levied in proportion to the representation of each Camp in such Council.

§ 13. Councils shall have no control or authority over any proceeding, ceremony, or other matter originally within the jurisdiction of a Camp, unless the same has been referred thereto by a vote of a Camp. Camps refusing to pay assessments levied by their respective Councils shall not be entitled to representation therein.

§ 14. Each Camp in the City of New York shall select a member thereof to represent it on a committee to be known as the Memorial and Executive Committee of the U. S. W. V., to act upon

all matters affecting the U. S. W. V. in more than one district in said City.

(Signed)	A. B. GILFILLAN,
(Signed)	WILSON I. DAVENNY,
(Signed)	MAURICE SIMMONS,
(Signed)	JOHN T. OATES.

Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 were adopted.

Motion made that Section 10 be adopted with the exception of the terms designating a "Legislation and Pension Committee." (Carried.)

Sections 11, 12 and 13 were adopted as read.

After considerable discussion of Section 14, motion was made by Comrade D. J. Murphy that the Memorial and Executive Committee be represented on the Board by three members from Manhattan, three from Brooklyn, two from each of the other Boroughs, this committee to have as its chairman the Senior Department officer resident in Greater New York. (Carried.)

Report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations was then adopted in full.

Motion made that the Committee on Rules and Regulations be discharged with the thanks of the Encampment. (Carried.)

Comrade W. F. Morian moved that the greetings of the Department be sent to the Comrades in San Francisco. (Carried.)

Motion made that the Committee on Credentials be discharged with the thanks of the Encampment. (Carried.)

A circular received from the Chairman of the National Encampment Committee was then read.

By COMRADE MOORE:

Resolved, That no officer or member of the Department use stationery upon which the name of this Department or any branch thereof appears, for any business except official business of the organization. (Carried.)

Mrs. Mary Gedney, President-General of the National Auxiliary, U. S. W. V., was then introduced by Department Commander Simmons, and was greeted with the Chautauqua salute.

Past Commander Rheinhold, of New York City, was then introduced and addressed the Encampment.

COMRADE KUEHNLE:

I bring greetings of the ladies auxiliaries of the city of New York.

Resolution was offered by Comrade James S. Long, as follows:

WHEREAS, The Department of New York, United Spanish War Veterans, is composed of some sixty-three Camps, and, according to the Rules and Regulations, Section 2 Article VI, it is provided as follows: The membership of the Department Encampment shall be composed of the Department officers, including the Department Council of Administration, Past Department Commanders, Present and Past Camp Commanders, etc., and, as some sixty-three Past Camp Commanders will be added to the voting strength of each annual Encampment, which will in time swamp and literally wipe out the personality and working effect of regularly elected delegates, it is deemed advisable for the future welfare and protection of the United Spanish War Veterans that the Department of New York recommend to the National Encampment that the Rules and Regulations be amended so as to include Past Camp Commanders as members of the Department Encampment for a period of one year after such term as an active Commander of a Camp, and thereafter all Past Camp Commanders be allowed only a voice and not a vote in the annual proceedings.

After some discussion, this resolution was tabled.

Motion made and carried to adjourn and re-assemble at 2:30 Tuesday afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Meeting called to order at 3 P. M. Tuesday, August 7th.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

A communication was presented to the Encampment by Comrades F. C. Kuehnle, of Roosevelt Camp, and H. B. Grant, of David Wilson Camp, as follows:

The Borough of the Bronx demands a separate Borough board and consents to having two or four delegates from each Borough board form a general council to take up and settle all questions relating to the entire City of New York.

This was referred to Committee on State of the Organization.

By COMRADE J. F. COURT:

Resolved, That it is the sense of the encampment that all the Camps send to the Judge-Advocate to be elected a list of such legislation as they deem necessary for the best interests of the organization to be enacted next year, so that he may have time to prepare bills. (Carried.)

Report of the Committee on State of the Organization.

This report was taken up in sections and motions made on each recommendation separately, as follows:

Your Committee on the State of the Organization begs to submit the following report:

We wish to especially commend the Department officers for the very able and comprehensive manner in which they have prepared their respective reports. We feel that this Department is greatly indebted to Department Commander C. A. Simmons for the painstaking and conscientious manner in which he has managed the affairs of the Department during the past two years. He has shown an ability along the line of organization that is possessed by but few men. By his faithful and energetic efforts for the advancement and welfare of our beloved organization he has placed us under a deep debt of gratitude.

In view of the comprehensive reports which have been submitted, your Committee feels that it is unnecessary to submit any extensive summary of the past year's work. This Department is to be congratulated upon having nearly four thousand active members, and a surplus in the treasury of upwards of \$400. The prospect for the future is brighter than it ever has been before, and it remains for the individual members of our respective Camps, as well as for the Department officers to carry forward the magnificent work which has been so well begun. In this connection we

wish to recommend that the reports of all the Department officers be accepted, approved and placed on file, and that a rising vote of thanks be extended to each Department officer for the very efficient manner in which he has performed every duty of the position occupied by him during the past year.

Under the head of the welfare of the organization your Committee desires to further report that in its opinion the Empire State is this year entitled to name the next Commander-in-Chief, and believe that loyal and united effort will accomplish this desired result. Two years ago at the St. Louis Encampment this Department presented the name of Hamilton Ward as a candidate, but owing to the fact that the eastern states were not well represented at this Encampment, our candidate failed by two votes. Since that time, the same as before, this Comrade has been unceasing in his efforts for the advancement of our organization, and we feel that the Department of New York is indeed fortunate in being able to present his name again as a candidate for that honorable position. Several Departments have already tendered him their hearty support, and it is the sense of this Committee that Comrade Hamilton Ward, of Colonel Stephen Y. Seyburn Camp No. 13, of Buffalo, be indorsed as the candidate of this Department for Commander-in-Chief and that he be accorded the honor of choosing the delegates to the National Encampment to be ratified by this Encampment, and that such delegates be instructed to vote as a unit and to use every honorable effort to secure his election.

We hereby approve of the following recommendations contained in the report of the Department Commander:

Recommendation 1. We recommend that the Committee on Rules and Regulations revise the Department Rules and Regulations relative to the matter of Joint City Boards, so that there can be no misinterpretation as to the intent and meaning thereof.

Motion made and seconded for adoption of Recommendation 1. (Carried.)

Recommendation 2. We recommend that the Department Judge-Advocate, Department Commander and Camp Commanders in the Department take such action as may from time to time be necessary to systematize and thoroughly circulate throughout this Department information and the proposed mode of procedure relative to desired legislation.

Motion made by Comrade Carroll and seconded for adoption of Recommendation 2. (Carried.)

Recommendation 3. We recommend that the Department Quartermaster furnish to Camp Quartermasters blank form for reports prepared by Department Judge-Advocate Gilfillan, and that said Camp Quartermasters be required to use the same.

Motion made by Comrade Harris and seconded for adoption of Recommendation 3. (Carried.)

Recommendation 4. We believe that the William H. Hubbell Memorial Association is entitled to the active assistance and co-operation of the Camps throughout this Department, and, consequently, recommend that the various Camps render said Association such assistance as may be within their power.

Motion made by Comrade Pettersen and seconded for adoption of Recommendation 4. (Carried.)

Recommendation 5. We recommend that a committee be appointed to prepare recommendations which shall express the wishes of this Department relative to uniforms, and submit their recommendations to the Chairman of the New York State delegation for presentation to the National Encampment in October.

Motion made by Comrade D. J. Murphy and seconded for adoption of Recommendation 5. (Carried.)

Recommendation 6. We are of the opinion that the distribution of circulars explaining the purposes and ideals of our order is beneficial in securing recruits, and, therefore, recommend their liberal use during the coming year.

Motion made by Comrade Bradstreet and seconded for adoption of Recommendation 6. (Carried.)

The matter of awarding the medal to the Camp securing the largest number of new members during the six months ending with June 30, 1906, having been referred to this Committee, and we having examined the records of the Department Adjutant, hereby report that W. H. Hubbell Camp No. 4, Brooklyn, is entitled to receive said medal, it having made a total gain in membership of 43. We wish to compliment the members of W. H. Hubbell Camp upon the splendid showing made by them during the past six months.

Motion made by Comrade Vandavelde that the report regarding award of medal be adopted. (Carried.)

Your Committee is of the opinion that no two Camps in any one Department should bear the same name, and consequently recommend that the delegates chosen by this Encampment to the National Encampment use their endeavors to secure the passage of an amendment to the Rules and Regulations which will prohibit the issuing of a charter to more than one camp in any Department under the same, or practically the same name.

Motion made by Comrade Tighe that the report regarding two Camps in same Department bearing same name be adopted. (Carried.)

Concerning the request made by Comrades F. C. Kuehnle and H. B. Grant, relative to a separate Borough Board for the Borough of the Bronx, we report that having heretofore recommended that the Rules and Regulations relative to the formation of joint city boards be revised by the Committee on Rules on Regulations, we do not feel that it would be proper for us to pass upon this request at this time.

This organization having been rendered valuable assistance during the past year by various members of our State Senate and Assembly, we desire to express our appreciation to these honorable gentlemen for their efforts in our behalf and, consequently, recommend that a hearty vote of thanks be extended to State Senators Edgar T. Brackett of Saratoga, George A. Davis of Erie, Thomas F. Grady of New York, James B. McEwan of Albany, Alfred R. Page of New York, Nathaniel A. Elsberg of New York, and Assemblymen Thomas D. Lewis of Oswego and Wm. A. DeGroot of Queens, and all other members of the Legislature who have in any way rendered service to the U. S. W. V., and that the incoming Department Adjutant be instructed to forward said gentlemen a copy of this resolution.

Motion for adoption of this recommendation made by Comrade Holmes. (Carried.)

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)	ALLEN E. BILLINGS,
(Signed)	WILLIAM F. FOIST,
(Signed)	WILLIAM F. MORIAN,
(Signed)	WALTER P. MARTINDALE.

Motion made and seconded that a rising vote of thanks be extended to the Department officers for their clear and concise reports. (Carried.)

After the reading of the report, Comrade Billings presented the membership medal to W. H. Hubbell Camp No. 4, which was received with fitting response by Commander H. A. F. Young. Comrade Hauck reported that he would present a medal annually to the Department for a membership contest.

Motion made and seconded that the Committee on State of the Organization be discharged with the thanks of the Encampment. (Carried.)

The report of the Nominating Committee was then offered by Comrade W. H. I. Reaney as follows:

For Department Commander.—Harry A. Ely.

For Department Senior Vice-Commander.—James E. Smith and Frank G. Hoppman.

For Department Junior Vice-Commander.—John T. Oates and F. O. Seymour.

For Department Inspector.—A. J. Kennedy.

For Department Medical Director.—J. S. Wilson.

For Department Judge-Advocate.—A. E. Billings.

For Department Chaplain.—W. H. I. Reaney.

For Council of Administration.—W. J. Cunningham, F. W. Cristman, G. J. Winslow, C. S. Bielman, Joseph Desch, L. J. Pettersen, James F. Court, H. A. McMahon.

Upon motion it was moved that the report of the Committee be received and each recommendation taken up separately.

Comrade W. I. Davenney placed Comrade Harry A. Ely in nomination for the position of Department Commander, which nomination was seconded by Comrades Reaney, Maurice Simmons and F. C. Kuehnle.

Motion made and seconded that there be one nominating speech with no time limit, and not to exceed three seconding speeches with two minute time limit on each. (Carried.)

Comrade S. J. Kopetzky placed Comrade Frank Keck in nomination for the position of Department Commander, which nomination was seconded by Comrades C. P. Hamilton, B. J. Fagan and W. J. Moore.

Motion made that nominations for Department Commander be closed. (Carried.)

Motion made and seconded that three tellers be appointed, and the following were so appointed: Comrades James G. McMurray, Jeremiah Hunter and W. F. Morian.

Motion made and seconded that each delegate go forward and deposit his own vote as his name is called. (Carried.)

Tellers' count showed 132 votes cast for Department Commander, of which Comrade Frank Keck received 67, Harry A. Ely, 65. Comrade Keck was declared elected. Comrade Ely moved that Comrade Keck's election be made unanimous. (Carried.)

Comrade W. F. Myers placed Comrade Frank G. Hoppman in nomination for the position of Department Senior Vice-Commander, which was seconded by Comrade W. J. Cunningham.

Comrade Wheelock placed Comrade James E. Smith in nomination for the position of Department Senior Vice-Commander, which was seconded by Comrade Young.

Tellers' count showed 125 votes cast for Department Senior Vice-Commander, of which James E. Smith received 63, Frank G. Hoppman, 62. Comrade Hoppman moved that the election of Comrade Smith be made unanimous. Comrade James E. Smith was duly declared elected Department Senior Vice-Commander.

Comrade S. J. Kopetzky placed Comrade F. O. Seymour in nomination for the position of Department Junior Vice-Commander, which was seconded by Comrade B. J. Fagan.

Comrade J. J. O'Rourke placed John T. Oates in nomination for the position of Department Junior Vice-Commander, which was seconded by Comrade J. H. Grant.

Comrade W. I. Davenny offered a motion which was afterward amended by Comrade D. J. Murphy to read as follows: In order to expedite the election, for the other officers, where there are contests, the delegate who is on the Nominating Committee arises as the name of Camp is called and announces the number of votes for each candidate. (Carried.)

Tellers' count showed 123 votes cast for Department Junior Vice-Commander, of which Comrade John T. Oates received 67, Comrade F. O. Seymour, 56. Comrade Seymour moved that the election of Comrade Oates be made unanimous. Comrade Oates was duly declared elected Department Junior Vice-Commander.

Comrade Maurice Simmons placed A. J. Kennedy in nomination for the position of Department Inspector, which was seconded by Comrade D. J. Murphy. On motion of Comrade Harris the Department Adjutant was instructed to cast one ballot for A. J. Kennedy, and he was duly declared elected Department Inspector.

Comrade Kline placed J. S. Wilson in nomination for Department Medical Director, and Comrade T. A. Ball placed in nomination A. G. Schneidenbach, and these nominations were duly seconded.

Tellers' count showed 103 votes cast, of which A. G. Schneidenbach received 63, J. S. Wilson, 40. On motion of J. S. Wilson the election was declared unanimous for A. J. Schneidenbach, and he was duly declared elected Department Medical Director.

Comrade A. B. Gilfillan placed Comrade A. E. Billings in nomination for the position of Department Judge-Advocate, and motion was made and seconded that the Department Adjutant cast one ballot for A. E. Billings, and he was duly declared elected.

Comrade W. F. Morian moved that for Department Chaplain, W. H. I. Reaney be elected by a rising vote. Carried, and he was duly declared elected.

Nominations were then in order for the Department Council of Administration, and the following names were offered:

W. J. Cunningham, Troy; F. W. Cristman, Herkimer; G. J. Winslow, Utica; C. S. Beilman, Buffalo; Joseph Desch, Brooklyn; L. J. Pettersen, Brooklyn; H. A. McMahon, Niagara Falls; James E. Court, New York City.

Comrade Holmes, of Admiral Philip Camp, placed in nomination Comrade J. A. Duncan for member of Council of Administration. Comrade Court asked that his name be withdrawn and the name of Comrade Duncan substituted, which was done, and the Department Adjutant was instructed to cast one ballot for the eight members of the Council.

By COMRADE CORCORAN:

That the Comrades named by Comrade Hamilton Ward be elected delegates at large to the National Encampment. (Carried.)

In accordance with a recommendation of the Committee on Rules and Regulations at the last National Encampment, as shown on

page 67 of the Proceedings of the Second National Encampment (Milwaukee, Wis., September 7, 8 and 9, 1905), one additional delegate and alternate each should be allotted to the Department of New York because of increased membership in certain Camps:

Motion made that the tellers be discharged with the thanks of the Encampment. (Carried.)

The newly elected officers were then installed by Past Department Commander C. A. Simmons, and the gavel was turned over to Department Commander Keck.

By COMRADE MAURICE SIMMONS:

That a vote of thanks be extended to Captain Frank Rockwell Palmer Camp and the citizens of Albany. (Carried.)

By COMRADE WARD:

That a vote of thanks be extended to the retiring officers of the Department. (Carried.)

Benediction by Department Chaplain W. H. I. Reaney.

Motion made by Past Department Commander C. A. Simmons to adjourn. (Carried.)

Encampment declared adjourned.

I certify that these proceedings are correct.

C. A. SIMMONS,

Past Department Commander.

Rochester, N. Y., August 20, 1906.

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Fourth Annual Encampment.

ELMIRA, N. Y., AUGUST 5-7, 1907.



FRANK KECK,
Department Commander, 1906-1907.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOURTH ENCAMPMENT.

Encampment called to order by the Department Commander, Frank Keck, at 10:15 A. M., August 5, 1907.

Invocation by the Department Chaplain, W. H. I. Reaney.

Department Commander Keck introduced Comrade R. H. Halliday, of E. M. Hoffman Camp, who in turn introduced Mayor Z. Brockway, of Elmira.

Mayor Brockway was received with vociferous and prolonged cheering. He welcomed the delegates and others as follows:

Well, that is a welcome indeed, of which I am proud! I am here by the grace of God and as a result of fusion, Mayor of Elmira, and I extend to you in the name of the officialdom of the City the freedom of Elmira and hope that you will have a good time during your stay here.

I have welcomed many conventions, veterans, sons of veterans and daughters of veterans, but as I look about me it is hard to believe that I am welcoming veterans themselves, you all look so young and fresh. The City feels honored in having you here; we have a fine city, it is the center of many industrial works, a large population and is an ideal convention city — I have attended conventions in much larger cities, where one was lost and newspaper notices were but meagre — I know you will enjoy yourself, and although everything is open to you, you will keep within the bounds of propriety.

Department Commander Keck in his response to Mayor Brockway said:

On behalf of myself and the Comrades assembled, permit me to thank you for your cordial welcome. I am pleased to note, with great satisfaction, Mr. Mayor, the great feeling of civic pride which you have in your city, of which you have much to be proud. I am informed that you have here the largest fire engine company in the world and many other manufacturing interests of note — I want you to know that our service to our country during the War with

Spain was inspired by no selfish motive but was that of patriotism and that alone — I have carefully noted what you have said relative to industrial conditions here, and speaking for the delegates of the great City of New York, wish to say that we are so pleased with your City that we would like to send up some of the over-plus population to give Elmira 50,000 in 1910.

At this point Mayor Brockway interrupted the speaker to state that he had failed to mention the New York State Reformatory in his remarks, an institution which had been receiving the over-flow population of New York City for the last quarter of a century. (Laughter.)

Department Commander Keck then appointed the following Committee on Credentials: William J. S. Dineen, John T. Ryan, George W. McCune.

Department Commander Keck appointed Comrade C. F. Cronin, of Manhatta Camp No. 1, Sergeant-at-Arms.

Roll call of Department officers and Camp Commanders showed ten Department officers, one past Department officer and thirty-three Camp Commanders present.

Report of Department Commander, Frank Keck.

To the Fourth Annual Encampment of the Department of New York, United Spanish War Veterans, assembled at Elmira, New York, August 5, 1907:

COMRADES — Pursuant to the Rules and Regulations of this Department, as Department Commander, I take the pleasure in making the following report:

First, thanking you all for the support given me in the past year in my efforts to promote the best interests, welfare and harmony of the organization. The office of the Department Commander is not an ornamental one, many and serious obligations are assumed with the office, and your Commander is glad to be able to say that many of the Comrades helped much to add some pleasure to the arduous duties he has had to perform during the past year and to those he cannot make too plain how grateful he is and how much he appreciates the same and to wish for them the greatest success in their several callings and the greatest happiness for them to be able to receive.

Owing to the delay in receiving the archives from my predecessor I did not get fairly started on the duties of my office until late in September, although my first order was issued the 21st day of August, 1906, announcing the following as the Department officers for the year 1906-1907.

Department Commander.—Frank Keck, of Major Frank Keck Camp No. 53.

Department Senior Vice-Commander.—James E. Smith, of Captain Frank Rockwell Palmer Camp No. 28.

Department Junior Vice-Commander.—John T. Oates, of Joseph S. Decker Camp No. 20.

Department Inspector.—A. J. Kennedy, of W. S. Overton Jr. Camp No. 29.

Department Medical Director.—A. J. Schneidenbach, of Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46.

Department Judge-Advocate.—Allen E. Billings, of Samuel M. Porter Camp No. 45.

Department Chaplain.—W. H. I. Reaney, of Gloucester Naval Camp No. 5.

Department Adjutant.—William J. S. Dineen, of William H. Hubbell Camp No. 4.

Department Quartermaster.—John S. Adair, of Manhattan Camp No. 1.

Department Mustering Officer.—S. J. Kopetsky, of James M. Jarvis Camp No. 23.

Department Council of Administration.—F. W. Cristman, Colonel John W. Vrooman Camp No. 51; W. J. Cunningham, M. D. Russell Camp No. 2; G. J. Winslow, E. H. Liscum Camp No. 33; C. S. Beilman, Bucky O'Neil Camp No. 15; Joseph Desch, William H. Hubbell Camp No. 4; Lars J. Pettersen, Naval Camp No. 49; H. A. McMahon, Niagara Falls Camp No. 7; J. A. Duncan, Admiral Philip Camp No. 18.

We had barely entered upon the duties of our respective offices when death removed from our midst the genial Department Senior Vice-Commander, Comrade James E. Smith. Orders were at once issued announcing his death, and after the usual period of mourning had expired the Department Commander appointed Comrade Charles B. Staats of the Captain Frank Rock-

well Palmer Camp No. 28 Department Senior Vice-Commander in his stead. The board of officers thus organized have so continued until the present time. In this connection I beg leave to refer to the dinner that was tendered me by the Greater New York Spanish War Veterans, welcoming me into my office as Department Commander, on the evening of October 22, 1906, when more than 225 United Spanish War Veterans were present, the largest gathering of its kind in the City, and the sentiments there expressed struck the keynote of my work for the year, namely, harmony and brotherly love.

It is a pleasure for me to note that during the past year we have not only held our own but have gained some ground, while it is true only three new Camps were organized, namely:

Gustave Kolb Camp No. 64, at Syracuse, November 30, 1906.

Admiral B. H. McCalla Camp No. 65, Brooklyn, March 22, 1907.

Captain George H. Tilly Camp No. 66, Jamaica, L. I., August 1, 1907.

Yet it is a great satisfaction to realize that they are giving great promise of becoming strong and permanent branches of our organization, and that the condition of the other Camps show a vast improvement in numbers as well as the true spirit of Comradeship and fraternity, which our organization was formed to foster in every soldier and sailor who fought in the Spanish War or the Philippine Insurrection in defense of the flag of our country.

At the Encampment held last year the Department Commander was directed to appoint a committee to devise ways and means to procure a stand of colors for the Department, and accordingly I appointed the following: Comrade James S. Long, Chairman, Major Frank Keck Camp; Comrade Bernhardt Wall, Manhattan Camp; Comrade W. J. Cunningham, M. D. Russell Camp; Comrade Torrey A. Ball, Robert C. Anderson Camp; Comrade Arthur R. Jarrett, G. D. Russell Camp; Comrade S. V. O'Gorman, Colonel S. Y. Seyburn Camp; Comrade W. Fenton Myers, Stephen Sanford Camp.

Through the efforts of the Chairman of the committee, and the high esteem and regard in which he was held by the Hon. James W. Howe, a public spirited citizen of Brooklyn, Comrade Long was

able to enlist the interest of Mr. Howe in the work of his committee, and Mr. Howe at once agreed to present to the Department a stand of colors not to exceed in cost the sum of \$250. Comrade Long having been transferred to the Immigration service at Montreal, Canada, the purchase and ceremonies attending same were left to Comrade Wall of the committee, and the same were ably accomplished by the latter. It therefore gives me great pleasure to present to the Fourth Annual Encampment of the Department of New York, on behalf of the committee and the Hon. James W. Howe, the beautiful stand of colors you see before you. I think some recognition should be made by this Encampment to Mr. Howe, in the shape of a properly engrossed set of resolutions and that the thanks of the Encampment should be voted to the committee, or some other suitable action taken in regard to them.

The Department Commander reports that the Rules and Regulations respecting the establishment of Borough councils in Greater New York, authorized by the adoption of amendments of the Department Rules and Regulations, have been carried out in every detail, and complete organizations have been effected in the Boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn and Queens, and the affairs of the United Spanish War Veterans are now being carefully looked after in those Boroughs. It has been my pleasure to attend many of the meetings of the Manhattan Borough Council, and on the invitation of the President of the Brooklyn Borough Council to attend one of their meetings, and the work done and the spirit evidenced at these meetings portends well for the future of the organization in the Greater City. The Department Commander, upon the invitation of the Commanders of the Camps hereinafter named and on the dates stated, acted as the Mustering officer at the installation of their officers elected to serve for the year 1907.

January 3, General Guy V. Henry Camp No. 38, Manhattan.

January 5, Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46, Manhattan.

January 8, Major John K. Sague Camp No. 44, Poughkeepsie.

January 10, Old Guard Camp No. 19, Manhattan.

January 11, Defendamt Camp No. 36, Manhattan.

January 12, G. D. Russell Camp No. 43, Brooklyn.

January 18, Neptune Naval Camp No. 30, Brooklyn.

January 30, James M. Jarvis Camp No. 23, Manhattan.

February 9, Colonel H. W. Hubbell Camp No. 24, Manhattan.

February 12, Griffin Engineers Camp No. 31, Manhattan.

March 11, Major Frank Keck Camp No. 53, Manhattan.

In addition to the above, visits were made at the invitation of the Camp Commanders, by the Department Commander and members of his staff to the following named Camps and upon the dates stated:

September 20, 1906, General Guy V. Henry Camp No. 38, Manhattan.

October 15, 1906, Naval Camp No. 49, Brooklyn.

November 16, 1906, Old Guard Camp No. 19, Manhattan.

December 18, Admiral Phillip Camp No. 18, Brooklyn.

February 9, 1907, Manhattan Camp No. 1, Manhattan.

February, 11, 1907, General Henry W. Lawton Camp No. 21, Brooklyn.

May 8, 1907, Norman W. Crosby Camp No. 37, New Rochelle.

May 10, 1907, William H. Hubbell Camp No. 4, Brooklyn.

May 20, 1907, Admiral Schley Naval Squadron No. 16, Brooklyn.

June 28, 1907, Admiral B. H. McCalla Camp No. 65, Brooklyn.

The Department Commander, accompanied by the various members of his staff, attended, at the invitation of the several Camp Commanders, the following functions given by the respective Camps mentioned:

October 20, 1906, the ceremonies attending the presentation of a stand of colors to the Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46, at their meeting rooms.

A comedy given by William H. Hubbell Camp No. 4, at the Germania Theater, Brooklyn.

October 27, 1906, an entertainment given to the ladies and friends, by Manhattan Camp No. 1, Manhattan.

December 4, 1906, the complimentary dinner given to the Chaplain-in-Chief, W. H. I. Reaney, by the Gloucester Naval Camp No. 5, at the Labor Lyceum, Brooklyn, at which more than 150 Comrades were present.

December 7, 1906, a review tendered the Department Commander and his staff by the Manhattan Camp No. 1, at the Lexington Avenue Opera House, Manhattan.

March 16, 1907, the annual ball and reception of the Naval Camp No. 49, at Tietgen's Hall, Brooklyn.

March 23, 1907, the annual ball and reception of the Admiral Schley Naval Squadron No. 16, at the Labor Lyceum, Brooklyn.

April 20, 1907, the annual dinner of the James S. Jarvis Camp No. 23, at the Everett House, Manhattan.

June 9, 1907, clam-bake of the Defendamp Camp No. 36, Little Kills, Staten Island.

July 6, 1907, Annual Camp Fire and games of the Brooklyn Borough Council at Ulmer Park, Brooklyn.

I am pleased to report that the attendance of the Comrades at the public religious services on Memorial Day (Sunday), both at the Navy Yard in the forenoon and at the crypt of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in the afternoon, although the weather was very stormy, was very large and throughout the Department the Camps observed the day as directed. In respect to the observance of Decoration Day, I beg leave to state that in the future the Department Commander of the United Spanish War Veterans in this Department is to receive an invitation to be of the reviewing party of the Grand Army of the Republic, which courtesy was extended this year to the present Department Commander. It has been my endeavor to promote a spirit of harmony between our two organizations and to discourage the idea existing in the minds of some of the influential Grand Army men, that perhaps our interest was inimical to the interest of their society, and I am pleased to say that a better feeling exists than ever before between these two great soldier organizations, the United Spanish War Veterans and the Grand Army of the Republic, in the Empire State.

Article 7, section 14, of the National Rules and Regulations, prescribes that, "No tax shall be levied for any portion of the year beyond the term of office of the Administration levying said tax." Bearing this in mind the Department Commander, realizing that if he were to construe strictly this section, the Council of Administration could only levy a sixth of 12½ cents for the remainder of the year or his term of office to cover the expenses, so did not deem it advisable to incur the expense of levying and collecting the small amounts that would be realized from the levy of so small a per capita tax, and therefore none was levied

upon the returns that were sent in after July 1, 1907. I have left that for the incoming administration to do or for this Encampment to determine. I am of opinion that the annual Encampment should determine what the per capita tax should be, levied to defray the expenses of the year it precedes, and that a committee appointed by the Department Commander should report to the Department Encampment a budget of proposed expenditures setting forth definitely what sums should be allowed for stationery, printing, postage, compensation to be allowed to the Department Adjutant, Department Quartermaster and other officers connected with the administration, and such other items of expense as it may be necessary to incur for the proper administration of the affairs of the Department. The last administration levied a per capita tax for five months beyond the expiration of their term of office and only turned over to this administration a sum of about \$225, upon which we were compelled to do the work of the Department until January 1, 1907. It is a pleasure for me to report that with only one levy of 12½ cents this administration will turn over to its successors a sum over \$450, less such compensation as this Encampment shall see fit to award the Department Adjutant and the Department Quartermaster, and I recommend that action be taken awarding each of them a reasonable and proper compensation for services admirably rendered and cheerfully performed by them, and I desire to publicly thank both my Adjutant and Quartermaster for the faithful manner in which they have discharged the duties of their respective offices. The attention of this Encampment is directed to the fact that upon the assumption of office by the present Department Quartermaster, he was required by the Department Commander, pursuant to the regulations of the Department, to file a bond in the sum of \$500, which was given by the American Surety Company, and has been in my possession during the year. I desire to report that this Department is now likewise in the possession of a Department seal so that official orders now issued to individual Comrades emanating from the Department Headquarters now bear the seal of the organization. No electrotype of the badge of the order was turned over by the last Ad-

ministration to this, and we were compelled to purchase the same and it is now the property of the Department.

It is with deep regret that we are compelled to register here the deaths of the following named Comrades, whose obituaries have appeared in orders issued from Department Headquarters during the year.

Richard O'Shea, Sergeant, 47th N. Y. V. I., Manhattan Camp No. 1.

Charles J. Cavanaugh, Acting Hospital Steward, U. S. A., Manhattan No. 1.

Edward Hansen, Chief Boatswain Mate, U. S. S. Alabama, Naval Camp No. 49.

Washington Wilcocks, Major, 9th N. Y. V. I., Manhattan Camp No. 1.

John J. O'Neil, Artificer, Co. A, 12th N. Y. V. I., Manhattan Camp No. 1.

Daniel Slezinger, Post Quartermaster Sergeant, U. S. A., Wm. McKinley Camp No. 62.

Frank Clay, Sergeant, Co. A, 47th N. Y. V. I., William H. Hubbell Camp No. 4.

Cornelius B. Donovan, Private, 4th Battery, N. Y. V., Sergeant, Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46.

John A. Donald, Private, 1st U. S. V. Engineers, Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46.

F. J. Burkhart, Private, Co. F, 7th U. S. Infantry, L. B. Smith Camp No. 25.

Thomas Reidy, Private, Co. E, 47th U. S. Vols., W. S. Overton Camp No. 29.

Charles M. Frizzell, Private, 1st U. S. Cavalry, Manhattan Camp, No. 1.

Michael Norris, Landsman, U. S. S. New York, William H. Hubbell Camp No. 4.

John R. Foley, 1st Lieutenant, 201st N. Y. V. I., Manhattan Camp No. 1.

Henry Werner, Stephen Sanford Camp No. 6.

Eugene Griffin, Brigadier-General, U. S. V., Griffin Engineers Camp No. 31.

James H. Lee, 2d Lieutenant, 9th N. Y. V. I., Defendam Camp No. 36.

Edward H. Smith, Private, Co. B, 47th N. Y. V. I., William H. Hubbell Camp No. 4.

Charles G. Kennedy, Private, Co. E, 47th N. Y. V. I., William H. Hubbell Camp No. 4.

W. M. J. Hans, Corporal, Co. A, 12th N. Y. V. I., Manhattan Camp No. 1.

Harry C. Underhill, Private, Co. F, 3d N. Y. V. I., Medina Camp No. 50.

James Ezra Smith, 2d Lieutenant, 1st N. Y. V. I., Palmer Camp No. 28.

Bernhardt Zorn, Sergeant, Troop C, 1st Illinois V. I., Roosevelt Camp No. 10.

Louis G. Smith, Private, Co. K, 1st U. S. V. Engineers, Griffin Engineers No. 31.

To further legislation in the interest of the organization, the Department Commander appointed soon after assuming office the following committees, who were to use every means in their power to secure the passage of such laws as would favor the Spanish War Veterans, namely: Comrades Jas. F. Court, Chairman, Old Guard Camp; L. T. Fetzer, Manhattan Camp; Bart Hunt, Gloucester Camp; A. B. Gilfillian, Emerson H. Liscum Camp; Harry C. Harris, Major John K. Sague Camp; John J. McMillan, General Eugene Griffin Camp; Clarence J. Thorne, Colonel Walter Scott Camp.

The chairman of the committee worked very faithfully and his efforts should have met with better success. Unfortunately none of the bills introduced were passed. Of the four relating to Spanish War Veterans, bills No. 1,564, introduced by Assemblyman O'Neill, amending section 9 of article V of the Constitution, gave preference in civil service appointments to the Spanish War Veterans and the Veterans of the Philippine insurrection, next after the Civil War Veterans. Bill No. 230, introduced by Assemblyman Prentice, amended chapter 3 of the Civil Service Law by eliminating the ex-members of the volunteer fire department from the privileges granted them with the Spanish War Veterans.

Bill No. 2,646, introduced by Assemblyman Cuvilier, amended section 110 of article 9 of chapter 559 of the Laws of 1895, providing for the incorporation of twenty-five or more veterans of the Spanish War, to organize themselves into a corporation for social purposes, etc., and a further bill introduced by Mr. Cuvilier, provided for the admission of veterans of the Spanish war, disabled or indigent, to the State Soldiers' Home at Bath, Steuben county. It is to be regretted that our organization did not secure the passage of these bills, and more especially so when you consider that all the privileges asked for are now enjoyed by the veterans of the Civil War, and that at this Legislature an appropriation was granted to the Grand Army of the Republic of \$35,000 to help defray the expenses of the National Encampment of that organization to be held the coming month, in the village of Saratoga. In this connection your Department Commander is impelled to refer to a statement made frequently by him when visiting Camps, that it is the duty of each member of the United Spanish War Veterans to take an active interest as an individual in the affairs of the government of his city, town or State, as well as in the federal government. The oath he takes upon becoming a member of his Camp implies such action on his part and means that he shall fight in defense of good government and clean politics, as he would in defense of his flag against foreign foes. The institutions established by our forefathers it is his duty to see handed down to posterity in as true a state as they have been handed down to him.

In view of the many demands that have been made from time to time upon the Comrades residing in New York city for relief by veterans of the Spanish War, and in view of the circumstances that in almost every instance the poor unfortunate veteran, when he is in an impoverished condition and out of employment finds himself in New York City, I would recommend the establishment of a relief fund by this Encampment to be known as the New York State Relief Fund of the United Spanish War Veterans; that this fund be administered by a board of trustees numbering five, to hold office respectively for the term of one, two, three, four and five years, to be elected at this Encampment, a majority of

whom shall be residents of Greater New York, and thereafter at each successive Encampment one of the said trustees to be elected for the term of five years. That this fund be made up of such sums of money as may from time to time be paid into it by voluntary subscription of the Comrades of the organization, and a certain percentage of the net balance in the treasury to be voted by each successive Encampment and to be paid over to the treasurer of the board of trustees by the Department Quartermaster. The fund to be deposited in some bank and to be drawn upon only by check, signed by the treasurer and countersigned by the president of the board, and upon a vote of the majority of the trustees.

It is a pleasure to note here that the United Spanish War Veterans in the November elections have had the good fortune to have elected among others, to high offices in the State and cities governments, such men as Comrade William S. Jackson, Attorney-General of the State; James W. Wadsworth, Jr., Speaker of the Assembly; John K. Sague, mayor of Poughkeepsie, and W. Fenton Myers, surrogate of Montgomery county, to whom the congratulations of the Department Commander are hereby extended.

It is with sincere regret that the Department Commander has noticed publications in the newspapers of the cities of New York and Rochester reflecting upon the conditions existing in our society. The Department Commander cannot too strongly deprecate the action of any member who thinks that by airing any grievance he may have against his Camp or the society, and by rushing into print he accomplishes any good purpose. On the contrary, by such action he brings upon it the contempt of the public and makes it all the harder to enlist the interests of substantial citizens in its behalf. Comrades should avoid and discourage in others any inclination to publish in the daily papers anything except such matter as will be a credit to the organization.

The coming National Encampment will necessarily occupy some of the attention of this body, and I would suggest that care be taken in filling the vacancies occurring by reason of the failure of some of the Camps to select their representatives. The Depart-

ment Commander hopes that such action will be taken at this Encampment as was taken at the last, so that the delegation from this Department will go well instructed and present a united front which at the last National Encampment called forth only words of commendation from delegates from other States. The harmony pervading the New York delegation spoke words and volumes as an exemplification of the spirit of brotherhood existing among the Camps of the Department. The handsome majority given the Commander-in-Chief upon his election was the result of this united action, and I am sure we are all glad to call him chief.

In closing my report, I am glad to state that the membership to-day in this Department numbers 4,139, showing an increase of 178 over last year, indicating that we have not stood still. Only three camps are now in arrears for their per capita tax. Amongst these is the General Francis V. Greene Camp No. 54, located at North Tonawanda, N. Y., reports from all sources indicating that it is in a deplorable condition, holding no meetings and taking no interest in the organization. I would suggest that this Encampment take such action as will result in a recommendation to the Commander-in-Chief to revoke its charter. Respecting the other two Camps the Department Commander prefers to remain silent, except in the case of the David Wilson Camp No. 59, I recommend that special efforts be made to awaken a more lively interest among the members in the organization. Concerning the establishment of new Camps, there are efforts now being put forth to place Camps at Catskill, Kingston and Hudson, as well as two Camps made up from a special class of Spanish War Veterans in the City of New York.

In laying down my office as Department Commander, I desire to state for the most part the work imposed upon me as such was a pleasure to perform, but as early as three months ago I stated to my friends, who were anxious that I should accept the office for another year, that I consider that the life of the organization was too short for one man to continue therein for more than one year. I have endeavored to do what I considered the best for the order, not considering whom I might offend when not agreeing with him. I have always sought counsel and advice of

those who were unselfish in their relations with the society, and if I considered the advice worth following, I did so, otherwise not. The soldier is generally regarded as the embodiment of unselfishness and generosity, and I have generally found that so in my association with the members of the United Spanish War Veterans. As Department Commander I have been frequently called upon by Comrades for assistance in their efforts to advance themselves in the callings which they have chosen to follow and in no case have I turned a deaf ear to their requests when worthy, and I hope I may be pardoned if I say that in many cases my services were of some value. One word of advice. Seek more and more to promote the feeling of harmony and comradeship among the members of the different Camps. Do not go around with a chip on your shoulder with reference to a member of the organization. Give and take like men. Fight not in the organization among your brothers, but use that energy and force outside of the organization to promote not only its usefulness, but the usefulness of every individual Camp and member thereof like real unselfish and generous soldiers that you are.

Again thanking you all for the honor you have conferred upon me in making me your Department Commander, and for the generous and noble support that you have given my administration, I remain,

Very fraternally yours,

(Signed) FRANK KECK,

Department Commander.

NEW YORK, August 5, 1907.

Regularly moved and seconded by Comrade Saul Caming, of Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46, that report of the Department Commander be received and referred to the Committee on State of the Order. (Carried.)

There was no report from the Senior Vice Department Commander, as he was not present.

Report of Junior Vice Department Commander John T. Oates.

A verbal report was made by Comrade Oates, viz.: I have not prepared a written report, Comrade Commander, but believe that during the past year I have filled the office of Junior Vice Department Commander to the best of my ability. I have always been at the service of the Comrades, and have gone around to many Camps and their affairs. I believe that is all I can say. (No action by Encampment as to the report.)

Report of Department Adjutant William J. S. Dineen.

COMRADES.—In presenting to you my annual report as Adjutant of the Department of New York for the year 1906-7, I desire to call your attention to the fact that during the year thirteen general orders and 12 special orders have been issued from headquarters, and as these are part of the records of the organization, and most of the essential points have been covered in the report of the Department Commander, I will not endeavor to cover the same ground.

Upon assuming office of Department Adjutant and receiving the effects from my predecessor, I found that no system of recording correspondence had been in use, and acting upon the advice of the Department Commander, for whose able assistance I now acknowledge my indebtedness, I set about to straighten out the communications in my possession. I am happy to say that at the time of issuing this report the work has been accomplished, that a system of record established in the form of a "journal-indorsement book," which is respectfully recommended to my successor for his use, whoever he may be.

Following in the footsteps of those who have gone before, I desire to call the attention of the Encampment to the apparent laxity of attention by many of the Camps to communications from these headquarters. In this instance I may mention the fact that out of sixty-six Camps whose semi-annual returns were requested in December, 1906, up to May 1, 1907, but forty-one had responded, despite repeated requests to the delinquent ones.

As a result of the semi-annual returns — blanks sent out June 30th, asking for the reports of Camps on number of Com-

rades in good standing, I am enabled to present to the Encampment a comparative statement of the strength of the organization as reported at the close of the previous administration and the present one.

No.	Camp.	Place.	Number of Comrades in good standing.	
			June 30, 1906.	June 30, 1907
1.	Manhattan	New York City	295	327
2.	M. D. Russell	Troy	77	104
3.	Thomas H. Barber	Binghamton	45	47
4.	W. H. Hubbell	Brooklyn	230	227
5.	Gloucester	Brooklyn	132	102
6.	Stephen Sanford	Amsterdam	50	50
7.	Niagara Falls	Niagara Falls	64	70
8.	Wm. R. Carmer	Mt. Vernon	25	26
9.	W. A. Wilson	Glens Falls	44	46
10.	Theodore Roosevelt	New York City	71	102
11.	Gen. Eugene Griffin	Schenectady	59	62
12.	14th Regiment	Brooklyn	70	72
13.	Col. S. Y. Seyburn	Buffalo	85	87
14.	E. H. Liscum	Buffalo	76	79
15.	Bucky O'Neill	Buffalo	20	24
16.	Admiral Schley Naval Squadron.	Brooklyn	111	95
17.	Maj.-Gen. Robert P. Hughes	Buffalo	30	35
18.	Admiral Phillip Naval	Brooklyn	79	60
19.	Old Guard	New York City	146	168
20.	Joseph S. Decker	Staten Island	30	50
21.	Lawton	Brooklyn	125	58
22.	Capron	Brooklyn	49	30
23.	James M. Jarvis	New York City	85	89
24.	Col. H. W. Hubbell	New York City	51	51
25.	L. B. Smith	Rochester	233	260
26.	R. C. Anderson	Oswego	62	50
27.	W. F. Randolph	Yonkers	51	50
28.	Capt. F. R. Palmer	Albany	110	86
29.	W. S. Overton	Whitestone	25	27
30.	Neptune Naval	Brooklyn	72	74
31.	Griffin Engineers	New York City	48	50
32.	A. C. Weller	Middletown	38	40
33.	E. H. Liscum	Utica	76	62
34.	Henry J. Reilly	Brooklyn	61	39
35.	O. R. Wheeler	Utica	39	40
36.	Defendam	New York City	70	87
37.	N. W. Crosby	New Rochelle	27	27
38.	Guy V. Henry	New York City	80	84
39.	L. B. Lawton	Auburn	58	60
40.	E. M. Hoffmann	Elmira	42	43
41.	Bruso Chauncey	Buffalo	20	18

No.	Camp.	Place.	Number of Comrades in good standing.	
			June 30, 1906.	June 30, 1907.
42.	Col. Walter Scott.....	Oneonta	42	50
43.	Geo. D. Russell.....	Brooklyn	64	68
44.	Maj. John K. Sague.....	Poughkeepsie	86	96
45.	S. M. Porter.....	Jamestown	57	65
46.	Sergeant Hamilton Fish.....	New York City.....	58	78
47.	Baron Steuben.....	Hornellsville	24	26
48.	Admiral Sampson.....	Brooklyn	19	23
49.	Naval	Brooklyn	39	59
50.	Medina	Medina	27	42
51.	Col. J. W. Vrooman.....	Herkimer	40	25
52.	F. C. Warner.....	Ilion	35	35
53.	Maj. Frank Keck.....	New York City.....	59	61
54.	Gen. Francis V. Greene.....	Tonawanda	24	20
55.	H. L. Tracey.....	Whitehall	25	22
56.	L. W. Carlisle.....	Watertown	36	53
57.	Wm. Cary Sanger.....	Ogdensburg	11	13
58.	Saratoga	Saratoga Springs....	46	50
59.	David Wilson.....	New York City.....	13	15
60.	Allyn Capron.....	Olean	36	44
61.	Hugo E. Kruse.....	Corona	14	31
62.	Wm. McKinley	Brooklyn	22	54
63.	Hoosick	Hoosick Falls	27	37
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The above constitutes the Camps in existence at the beginning of the present administration. Since that time the following have been instituted and their charter roll, together with date of installation, have been mentioned in general orders from time to time:

No.	Camp.	Place.	Number of Comrades in good standing June 30, 1906.
64.	Gustave Kolb	Syracuse	20
65.	B. H. McCalla.....	Brooklyn	40
66.	Capt. Geo. H. Tilly.....	Jamaica	26
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It will be seen by the above report that the organization has increased materially during the past year, and it is hoped that a corresponding increase will be made from year to year.

With a view to the formation of Camps in the towns of Hudson, Kingston and Catskill, I have visited each of the above towns,

at my own expense, during the week beginning July 21st, and was warmly received by the officers of the separate companies located there. Captain A. Saulpaugh, Jr., of Catskill, rendered me every aid in the work, and before the close of the year I am assured that Camps will be in existence in each of the above places. I had anticipated making several other visits during the past year, but owing to the fact that in addition to the position of Department Adjutant I have acted as Chairman of the Brooklyn Borough Council, I was unable to carry out my inclinations in this respect.

In the matter of formation of new Camps, it has been the policy of the administration to organize rather on the basis of quality than that of quantity, believing that the formation of two or three Camps whose stability would be assured rather than the creation of a dozen or more mushroom growths whose deaths were evident even at the time of formation, would be of more material benefit to the order at large.

In this respect I may mention the fact, that although repeated requests for reports were made to the David Wilson Camp of New York, W. A. Wilson Camp of Glens Falls, Baron Steuben Camp of Hornellsville, General F. V. Greene Camp of Tonawanda and the A. C. Weller Camp of Middletown, little or no attention was paid to communications. Under the same heading the Department Inspector informs me he has much to complain of and you will hear his report later.

The following Camps deserve especial commendation for the prompt way in which semi-annual reports were made and communications answered: Manhattan No. 1; Wm. H. Hubbell No. 4; F. R. Palmer No. 28; Theo. Roosevelt No. 10; Admiral Schley No. 16; and Geo. D. Russell No. 43.

On Memorial Day and Sunday most of the Camps in the Department held services, and in many instances favorable comments are on file at Department Headquarters. Special mention should be made of the Memorial Services held by Gloucester Naval Camp at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, at which fully 5,000 persons were present and as a consequent result great and lasting publicity was given to our organization.

The need of uniform report forms for use in this Department has become very evident and the appended forms are here-

with recommended for adoption throughout the Department. Attention may here be called to the fact that the Quartermaster's blank now in use by National Headquarters is practically unsuited to the use of large Camps and the substitution of the appended blank is suggested.

In closing my report I desire to state that during the past year nearly seven hundred (700) communications have passed through my hands, of which an accurate record has been kept and is herewith submitted for your consideration. If during the period of my stewardship, I have given offense to any of the Comrades with whom I have come in contact, either through the medium of correspondence or in person, permit me to ask their indulgence, and in taking leave of you all as your Department Adjutant, permit me to thank you, Commander, for your confidence in me in appointing me as such, and you, my Comrades, for the courtesies extended during the period of my administration.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK,
UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

NEW YORK, *August 21, 1906.*

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General Orders No. 1.

SERIES 1906-1907.

I. Having been elected by the Department Encampment, held in Albany, New York, August 6th and 7th, 1906, Department Commander, I hereby assume command, with Headquarters at 45 Broadway, New York.

II. The following appointments are announced:

Wm. J. S. Dineen, Wm. Hubbell Camp No. 4, Department Adjutant.

John S. Adair, Manhattan Camp No. 1, Department Quartermaster.

S. J. Kopetzky, James M. Jarvis Camp No. 23, Mustering Officer.

III. The following Department officers were also elected:

James Ezra Smith, Captain Frank Rockwell Palmer Camp No. 28, Department Senior Vice-Commander.

John T. Oates, Joseph S. Decker Camp No. 20, Department Junior Vice-Commander.

A. J. Kennedy, Winfield S. Overton, Jr., Camp No. 29, Department Inspector.

A. G. Schneidenbach, Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46, Department Medical Director.

Allen E. Billings, Samuel M. Porter Camp No. 45, Department Judge Advocate.

W. H. I. Reaney, Gloucester Naval Camp No. 5, Department Chaplain.

W. J. Cunningham, M. D. Russell Camp No. 2; F. W. Christian, Colonel J. W. Vrooman Camp No. 51; G. J. Winslow, E. H. Liscum Camp No. 33; C. S. Beilman, Bucky O'Neil Camp No. 15; Joseph Desch, Wm. H. Hubbell Camp No. 4; Lars J. Pettersen, Naval Camp No. 49; H. A. McMahon, Niagara Falls Camp No. 7; J. A. Duncan, Admiral Phillip Camp No. 18, Members of the Department Council of Administration.

IV. The following named comrades were elected delegates to the National Encampment to be held in Washington, D. C.:

Delegates at Large.

Col. S. Y. Seyburn Camp No. 13: Hamilton Ward, Jr.

Wm. H. Hubbell Camp No. 4: H. A. F. Young.

L. Boardman Smith Camp No. 25; James V. Wadsworth, Jr. Old Guard Camp No. 19: W. I. Davenney.

Delegates.

Manhattan Camp No. 1: T. J. McCarthy, C. F. Tighe.

M. D. Russell Camp No. 2: G. W. McCune, J. J. O'Connor.

T. H. Barber Camp No. 3: F. O. Seymour.

Wm. H. Hubbell Camp No. 4: C. P. Hamilton, W. J. S. Di-neen.

Gloucester Naval Camp No. 5: T. J. McGreal.

Niagara Falls Camp No. 7: H. A. McMahon.

Wm. R. Carmer Camp No. 8: C. C. Yeomans.

Theodore Roosevelt Camp No. 10: F. C. Kuehnle.

Gen. Eugene Griffin Camp No. 11: Martin Hodges.

Fourteenth Regiment Camp No. 12: J. W. Creighton.

Col. S. Y. Seyburn Camp No. 13: Fred Lempke, L. B. Green, N. W. Wilson, R. L. Jantz, J. B. Latta, Wm. V. Delahunt, John Gilbert.

Emerson H. Liscum Camp No. 14: Walter P. Pagan, John E. Draddy, John H. Grant, S. V. O'Gorman, Harry Worden, Nelson T. Barrett, G. Barrett Rich, Jr., A. B. Gilfillan, Arthur Lothouse, John G. Clute.

Bucky O'Neil Camp No. 15. Fred Elbers, C. S. Beilman.

Admiral Schley Naval Squadron Camp No. 16: W. F. Morian, Frederick Budde.

Major-General R. P. Hughes Camp No. 17: John Linsman, August Ehrensfried, Frederick Thilke.

Old Guard Camp No. 19: J. E. J. Clare, H. A. Ely, James G. McMurray, S. C. Sugarman.

Joseph S. Decker Camp No. 20: J. T. Oates, J. J. O'Rourke.

Lawton Camp No. 21: H. M. Schimoler.

Capron Camp No. 22: W. F. Morgan.

James M. Jarvis Camp No. 23: S. J. Kopetzky, R. J. Held.

H. W. Hubbell Camp No. 24: E. A. Murray.

L. Boardman Smith Camp No. 25: William Kline, James L. Whitley, Wm. B. Young, Jr., A. J. Bradstreet, Arthur E. Wilson, E. N. Walbridge, E. A. Burkhardt, O. G. Victor, George Allen.

W. S. Overton, Jr., Camp No. 29: A. J. Kennedy.

Oscar Ross Wheeler Camp No. 35: M. A. Havens.

Defendam Camp No. 36: D. F. Hines.

Gen. Guy V. Henry Camp No. 38: J. P. Devane.

Bruso Chauncey Camp No. 41: C. E. Stiegerwald, M. W. Halblaub.

Major J. K. Sague Camp No. 44: J. S. Wilson.

S. M. Porter Camp No. 45: A. E. Billings.

Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46: W. S. Styles.

Admiral Sampson Camp No. 48: Charles E. Leimbach.

Naval Camp No. 49: Lars J. Petterson.

F. C. Warner Camp No. 52: H. P. Hamlin.

Major Frank Keck Camp No. 53: James S. Long.

Capt. Allyn Capron Camp No. 60: Thomas Murphy.

Wm. McKinley Camp No. 62: W. F. Foist.

Additional Delegates.

Manhattan Camp No. 1: John M. Thompson.

Sergt. Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46: Saul Caming.

E. M. Hoffman Camp No. 40: Roy S. Smith.

Admiral Sampson Camp No. 48: E. W. Larkin.

The Department Encampment instructed these delegates to favor by every honorable means the nomination of Past Department Commander Hamilton Ward, Jr., as the candidate of this Department for the next National Commander, and in order to further this object thus clearly expressed, Judge Advocate General John T. Ryan, Chairman, Past Commander-in-Chief Thomas F. Lynch, and Past Department Commander C. A. Simmons, are hereby appointed a committee.

V. Pursuant to action taken at the last Department Encampment, the various Camps in the Department desiring legislation to be enacted during the coming year are hereby directed to forward to the Department Judge Advocate, through these Headquarters, such proposed legislation.

VI. The following named Comrades are hereby appointed a committee to prepare recommendations which shall express the wishes of the Department, relative to the matter of uniforms, and submit their recommendations to the Chairman of the New York State delegation for presentation to the National Encampment:

Past Commander Frank Hoppman, Chairman, Gen. Eugene Griffin Camp No. 11; Commander John P. Devane, Gen. Guy V. Henry Camp No. 38; Past Department Judge Advocate A. B. Gilfillan, E. H. Liscum Camp No. 14; Adjutant Walter P. Martindale, L. Boardman Smith Camp No. 25, and T. H. McGreal, Gloucester Naval Camp No. 5.

VII. Pursuant to resolution adopted at the last Department Encampment the use of Department or Camp stationery is prohibited for any purpose other than for official business connected with the organization.

VIII. Article VI of the Rules and Regulations of this Department adopted by the last Department Encampment provides for District Councils for each District where two or more Camps may be located, and for each Borough in the City of New York, and

for the establishment of a Memorial and Executive Committee for Greater New York. Each Council shall be known by the name of the locality in which it is situated; it shall exercise jurisdiction over the affairs affecting members and Camps within its own district; it shall send delegates only to the Council in the District in which it is located; its membership shall consist of all officers of the National Encampment and of the Department Encampment, who are members of the Camps represented in said Council, and one delegate for each twenty-five members in good standing or a majority fraction thereof, but each Camp shall be entitled to two delegates; its officers shall be, a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Marshal and Sergeant-at-Arms; meetings to be held monthly, excepting the months of July and August; the following committees to be appointed: (1) Employment and Relief; (2) Ceremonies and Cemeteries; (3) Finance and Accounts; (4) Entertainment and Press. Boroughs containing but one Camp shall, until the establishment of another Camp, be regarded as and have all the powers of a Council within its district.

The Memorial and Executive Committee of Greater New York shall consist of three members selected from the Borough of Manhattan, and three from the Borough of Brooklyn, and two each from the remaining Boroughs; the Chairman of this Committee shall be the senior Department Officer residing in Greater New York; pursuant to the foregoing the Department Commander directs that the Borough Councils at once organize and proceed to the election of their representatives on the Memorial and Executive Committee and forward the names and addresses of those selected to these Headquarters.

IX. Two stands of colors were presented by this Department soon after the frightful catastrophe which occurred in San Francisco and vicinity last spring. One stand of colors was presented to the Nelson A. Miles Camp, and the other to the Rheinhold-Richter Camp, both located at San Francisco.

X. The Department Commander takes pleasure in announcing the award of the medal to the Camp securing the largest number of new members during the six months ending June 30, 1906, as having been made to the Wm. H. Hubbell Camp No. 4, by the

Department Encampment. The Department Commander is authorized to announce that a similar medal will be presented to the Camp that shall secure the greatest number of members during the year 1906-1907.

XI. Every delegate elected to represent this Department in the National Encampment to be held in Washington, D. C., owes a duty to himself and to the organization to be present, and the Department Commander desires to impress upon each of the delegates this duty and upon the Camps the necessity of seeing that their Quartermasters have settled their accounts with the National organization, so that every delegate present may be able to exercise all his privileges.

By order,

FRANK KECK,

Department Commander.

WILLIAM J. S. DINEEN,

Department Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK,

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

NEW YORK, *August 22, 1906.*

General Orders No. 2.

I. It becomes my sad duty as Department Commander to announce to the Comrades the death of our beloved Department Senior Vice Commander James Ezra Smith, which occurred at Albany, his native city, on August 15, 1906.

II. Department Senior Vice Commander James Ezra Smith was an enthusiastic and faithful worker in the interests of the United Spanish War Veterans, and for his untiring service in its behalf, the Department of New York, at its Encampment held in the City of Albany on the 7th day of August last, rewarded him by making him its Department Senior Vice Commander, the second highest office in its gift.

III. As a soldier, physician, citizen and Comrade, Department Senior Vice Commander Smith had few superiors. His service during the war with Spain commenced as a Second Lieutenant of Co. D, 1st N. Y. Volunteer Infantry, in which he served in the Hawaiian Islands. On May 18, 1904, he was made Assistant Surgeon of the 10th Battalion, and rendered supernumerary May 1, 1905, by reason of the organization of the 10th Regiment, N. G. N. Y.

IV. The sympathy of the Department is hereby extended to the relatives of our departed Comrade and to the Comrades of the Captain Frank Rockwell Palmer Camp No. 28, of which Camp Vice Commander Smith was a charter member.

V. As a further mark of respect to his memory, it is hereby ordered that all colors, charters and the altars of the Camps of this Department, be draped in mourning for the period of thirty days from the receipt of this order, that all Comrades wear the prescribed badge of mourning for the same period and Camps take such action as they deem proper in showing their respect for our departed Comrade.

By order,

FRANK KECK,

Department Commander.

WILLIAM J. S. DINEEN,

Department Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK,

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

NEW YORK, *September 21, 1906.*

General Order No. 3.

SERIES 1906-7.

I. The appointment of Comrade Charles B. Staats, Captain Frank Rockwell Palmer Camp No. 28, to the office of Department Senior Vice Commander, vice Comrade James Ezra Smith, deceased, is hereby announced. He will be respected and obeyed accordingly.

II. The Department Commander directs that two copies of all orders issued by the Camp Commanders in this Department, be forwarded to these headquarters for filing and future reference.

III. The following Department countersign and Department Parole are hereby promulgated: Countersign, 22-16-26-40-17-23-16-7. Parole, 18-16-27-5-17-30.

IV. At the Department Encampment held in Albany, N. Y., the following named Comrades were elected Alternate delegates to the National Encampment to be held at Washington, D. C., on the 8th, 9th and 10th days of October, 1906.

Alternate Delegates at Large.

Emerson H. Liscum Camp No. 14: Emil Wohler.

L. Boardman Smith Camp No. 25: Walter P. Martindale.

Saratoga Camp No. 58: Hiram C. Todd.

Captain Allyn Capron Camp No. 60: George W. Mayer.

Alternate Delegates.

Manhattan Camp No. 1: Bernhardt Wall, Rudolph Grauman, William J. Moore, John S. Adair.

M. D. Russell Camp No. 2: W. H. Riley, William Hart, Edward Treambly.

T. H. Barber Camp No. 3. C. J. Stoltz.

Wm. H. Hubbell Camp No. 4: W. S. Halliday, John S. Wood.

Hon. Stephen Sanford Camp No. 6: W. Fenton Myers.

Niagara Falls Camp No. 7: W. O. Johnston.

Wm. R. Carmer Camp No. 8: E. W. Holmes.

Warren A. Wilson Camp No. 9: Daniel Wood.

Theodore Roosevelt Camp No. 10: S. J. McCoy.

General Eugene Griffin Camp No. 11: Bert Secor, C. N. Hulbert.

Fourteenth Regiment Camp No. 12: W. E. Prendergast.

Colonel S. Y. Seyburn Camp No. 13: Frank C. Wall, John Nowark, John D. Casey.

Emerson H. Liscum Camp No. 14: Martin Dehn.

Bucky O'Neill Camp No. 15: A. B. King.

Admiral Schley Naval Squadron Camp No. 16: W. C. Wild.

Major General R. P. Hughes Camp No. 17: Andrew McGurdy, William Frank.

Admiral Philip Camp No. 18: Thomas H. Banks, John A. Duncan.

Old Guard Camp No. 19: D. J. Murphy, A. Fairlamb, I. Weill, Maurice Simmons, Harry Hauck.

Decker Camp No. 20: F. B. Bardes.

Lawton Camp No. 21: Thomas Edwards, Joseph Lutz.

Capron Camp No. 22: W. P. Hughes.

James M. Jarvis Camp No. 23: G. A. Cook, Benjamin McBride.

Colonel H. W. Hubbell Camp No. 24: Jerome P. Fining.

J. Boardman Smith Camp No. 25: G. Ashbacker.

R. C. Anderson Camp No. 26: Terrey A. Ball.

N. W. Crosby Camp No. 27: P. E. Bartnett.

Captain F. R. Palmer Camp No. 28: W. P. Malcolm, William H. Kyle, M. J. Reagan.

Neptune Naval Camp No. 30: Charles Jansen.

Griffin Engineers Camp No. 31: Charles Ward.

H. J. Reilly Camp No. 34: Matthew Johnson.

Defendam Camp No. 36: A. F. Martin.

General Guy V. Henry Camp No. 38: T. O'Donnell, James McGinniss, Charles Peters.

Bruso Chauncey Camp No. 41: F. G. Cargille.

Major J. K. Sague Camp No. 44: R. W. Andrews.

Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46: A. G. Schneidenbach.

Admiral Sampson Camp No. 48: L. H. Tegtmeyer.

Major Frank Keck Camp No. 53: William A. Moore.

General F. V. Greene Camp No. 54: Albert Smith.

David Wilson Camp No. 59: H. B. Grant.

William McKinley Camp No. 62: C. L. Green.

Additional Alternate Delegates.

William McKinley Camp No. 62: Willis Christopher.

Major J. K. Sague Camp No. 44: F. D. Grisard.

L. Boardman Smith Camp No. 25: C. M. T. Leslie.

Old Guard Camp No. 19: James F. Court.

The delegates and alternate delegates elected to the National Encampment at the last Department Encampment were so elected under the provisions of the resolution adopted at the Milwaukee National Encampment (see minutes, N. E., p. 62), permitting the Department to elect such delegates, should the Department Council of Administration so decide (see minutes N. E., p. 67), which was done in this Department; therefore, no additional delegates can be legally elected, and Camps are not authorized to elect such delegates.

V. The Ebbitt House has been selected by the Special Committee, Judge Advocate General John T. Ryan, Chairman, and its choice has been approved by the Department Commander as the headquarters of this Department during the continuance of the National Encampment at Washington. The rate will be \$2.50 per day, American plan.

The Trunk Line Association has granted a rate of a fare and a third to the Encampment. Delegates and others traveling to the Encampment should, when they purchase their tickets to Washington, secure from ticket agents Trunk Line certificates. These certificates will be vised for twenty-five cents at the Encampment and upon presentation at the station for return trip will be good for a reduction of the fare to one-third. Station agents at small towns will probably not be provided with these certificates, and delegates are advised to apply several days previous to time of departure for such certificates.

Comrade James S. Long, Major Frank Keck Camp No. 53, will be in charge of the transportation arrangements for the delegates and others of the organization leaving the City of New York and vicinity, and he will supply any information required by the Comrades in regard to the same. Communications should be addressed to him at 641 Washington Street, New York city.

Headquarters is advised that the National Encampment will be attended by a large uniformed delegation, and it is incumbent on us, as the strongest, numerically, among the Departments of our Order, to be represented by the largest delegation in uniform. The Department Commander, therefore, urges every Comrade who intends to be present to appear in uniform, if at all practicable. It is also expected that the opening address at the

Encampment will be delivered by President Theodore Roosevelt. The National Encampment Committee of the Department of the District of Columbia has provided a varied and large program of entertainments and excursions for the amusement of the delegates.

The Department Commander directs that all Camps in arrears for National per capita tax pay the same at once, so that the Department of New York shall be represented by its full delegation at the National Encampment and thereby prove its loyalty to the organization.

VI. The Department Encampment of 1906 having recommended that the various Camps render said association such assistance as may be within their power, the attention of the Camps in this Department is directed to "The William H. Hubbell Association," the object of which is the erection of a monument in Cypress Hills Cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y., over the grave of Comrade William H. Hubbell, late Commander-in-Chief of the National Army and Navy Spanish War Veterans, and who in his lifetime did much to bring about the final amalgamation of the Spanish War Veterans' associations.

Subscriptions to this fund may be forwarded direct to Charles L. Franck, 326 Harmon street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

VII. An invitation has been received at these Headquarters from the Committee on Parade and the Committee on the Erection and Dedication of the statue of General George Washington for this organization to participate in the parade at the unveiling, at the Brooklyn Plaza of the Williamsburg bridge, on Saturday, the 29th day of September, 1906, at 3 o'clock, which has been accepted by the Department Commander. By S. O., No. 1, i. c. s. (not printed), Department Headquarters, Past Commander Clinton P. Hamilton, of William H. Hubbell Camp No. 4, has been appointed to command the division of the United Spanish War Veterans who will participate in the parade, and the Camps in the Borough of Brooklyn have been requested to parade as near as possible with their full strength. The Department Commander extends this invitation to the Comrades and Camps in this Department generally.

VIII. Headquarters acknowledges the receipt of an invitation to attend the ceremonies upon the presentation of colors to the

Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46, on October 20, 1906, at 8 o'clock P. M., at No. 104 West One Hundred and Sixth street, New York city.

The Department Commander, the Department Junior Vice-Commander and the Department Inspector were among the guests at the invitation of the William McKinley Camp, No. 62, on board the steamer John C. Millard, chartered by the Camp to review the parade and review tendered the President of the United States on Labor Day, September 3d, at Oyster Bay, Long Island. The comradeship and hospitality of the Camp on this occasion was both hearty and generous. A formal reception was given the Department officers by the Camp, thereby giving these officers an opportunity of becoming acquainted with all the United Spanish War Veterans on board. The Department Commander is pleased to express his entire sympathy with functions of this character given by Camps in this Department, when the same are conducted as this one was, since they tend to command the esteem and respect of the public for our order.

IX. Department Headquarters has been notified of the death of Comrade Richard O'Shea, late Sergeant 47th N. Y. Vols. and of Manhattan Camp No. 1. His death occurred September 6, 1906. His remains were interred with military honors September 9th at Holy Cross Cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y., the Comrades of Manhattan Camp No. 1 attending the funeral in a body. Comrade O'Shea was mustered into Manhattan Camp No. 1 January 23, 1904. The sympathy of Headquarters and Comrades throughout the Department is extended to the Comrades of Manhattan Camp No. 1 and the family of our deceased Comrade.

By order,

FRANK KECK,

Department Commander.

WILLIAM J. S. DINEEN,

Department Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK,
UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.NEW YORK, *October 23, 1906.*

General Orders No. 4.

I. The Department Commander noted with pleasurable satisfaction the large number of delegates and other Comrades in attendance from this Department at the recent National Encampment held in Washington, D. C., on October 8th, 9th, 10 and 11th, testifying their unselfish and loyal interest in our grand organization, and making it possible to secure the election of our Department candidate, Commander Hamilton Ward, of Colonel S. Y. Seyburn Camp No. 13, to the highest office in the gift of the organization, that of Commander-in-Chief, and the re-election of Comrade W. H. I. Reaney, U. S. N., to the office of Chaplain-in-Chief. More than one hundred and fifty Comrades were present from the Empire State, and their excellent appearance in parade called forth great praise, while their united action in encampment challenged the admiration of other delegations.

II. The acquisition of the Legion of the Spanish War Veterans, an organization consisting of more than twenty-one Commands, with a membership of more than 2,000 members, located in the States of New Hampshire and Massachusetts, was accomplished at the morning session of the Encampment held on October 9th, by the signing of the agreement of amalgamation by the Commander-in-Chief of our organization and by the Commander-in-Chief of the Legion. And at the morning session on October 11th, the Independent Camp of Spanish-American War Veterans, of Fayetteville, N. C., was made a Camp of the United Spanish War Veterans upon motion unanimously carried.

III. Resolutions recommending the passage of the bills now before Congress, one favoring the restoration of the army canteen at army posts, and the other providing for the retirement of enlisted men in the United States Army after a service of twenty-five years or more were unanimously adopted.

Another resolution instructing the National Committee on Legislation to press before Congress at its next session, a bill

appropriating a suitable amount of money for the purchase and erection of a suitable temporary home for the American Soldiers and Sailors of the Civil and Spanish Wars who may become indigent while in Washington, was unanimously adopted.

IV. The report of the Adjutant-General showed 31 Departments, and that the organization had entered 43 States, including the Philippine Islands and Hawaii; that we had 435 Camps with a total membership of 45,000, and a balance in the treasury amounting to \$2,462.54.

V. The program for the entertainment of the delegates consisted on Monday evening, October 8th, of a camp-fire at the Light Infantry Armory, which was presided over by Department Commander J. Walter Mitchell, of the Department of the District of Columbia; on Tuesday afternoon of a parade of the United Spanish War Veterans, with the National Guard of the District of Columbia, and the Veterans of the Civil War acting as an escort; on Wednesday of a reception of the United Spanish War Veterans and their wives at the White House, by the President; and on Thursday by a banquet at the New Willard Hotel, presided over by Comrade George H. Harries, General commanding the National Guard of the District of Columbia.

VI. The need of a set of State colors for the Department of New York must have been apparent to all who attended the last National Encampment; the Department Commander therefore appoints the following committee to devise ways and means to secure a set of colors for this Department: Comrade James S. Long, of Major Frank Keck Camp No. 53, Chairman; Comrade W. J. Cunningham, of M. D. Russell Camp No. 2; Comrade Torrey A. Ball, of Robert C. Anderson Camp No. 26; Comrade Arthur R. Jarrett, of G. D. Russell Camp No. 43; Comrade S. V. O'Gorman, of Col. S. Y. Seyburn Camp No. 13; Comrade W. Fenton Myers, of Hon. Stephen Sanford Camp No. 6; and Comrade Bernhardt Wall, of Manhattan Camp No. 1.

VII. The following named are appointed Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander: Comrade Alexander F. Martin, of Defendame Camp No. 36; Comrade Charles Edwards, of Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46.

The Department Commander invites the Commander of each

Camp to forward to these headquarters the name of a Comrade, who will be appointed to serve either as Aide-de-Camp, or on Committee work. In the selection of these Comrades, the Department Commander desires the Camp Commanders to recommend only such as are earnestly interested in the advancement of the organization and who will be able to devote the time that may be necessary for the proper performance of the duty required.

VIII. Department Headquarters will issue, if orders for a sufficient number are received, a veteran's certificate of service in blank to be filled out by the Camp Commanders on application of a Comrade for filing with Federal, State and Municipal authorities, in lieu of discharges, which are frequently lost or mislaid, upon requisition from Camp Adjutants, when accompanied by a fee to be fixed to pay for expense of printing and forwarding same. These certificates will be similar in form to those now in use by The Grand Army of the Republic.

IX. On the 29th of September, 1906, upon invitation of the Committee having the matter in charge, the Comrades of this Department, residing in Brooklyn, N. Y., under the Command of Comrade Clinton P. Hamilton, of William H. Hubbell Camp No. 4, paraded at the unveiling of the George Washington monument at the Brooklyn plaza of the Williamsburg bridge, and made a very creditable and commendable appearance. The Department Commander and the Department Chaplain viewed the parade as the guests of the General Committee.

X. The Department Commander visited the General Guy V. Henry Camp No. 38 on the evening of September 20, 1906, and was most hospitably entertained by the Comrades. The Department Commander was pleased to note the dignified manner in which all the matters coming before the meeting were disposed of.

Upon invitation of Naval Camp No. 49, the Department Commander, accompanied by Department Adjutant William J. S. Dineen, Department Quartermaster John S. Adair, and Medical Director A. J. Schneidenbach, made an official visit on the evening of October 15, 1906. During the meeting a Comrade was mustered into the Camp, Department Adjutant Dineen delivering the charge. After the meeting had adjourned a sumptuous repast was set before the Comrades and it was with great difficulty that

the Department officers were able to take their leave, the proverbial good-fellowship of the seafaring men being very much in evidence. The hospitality of Naval Camp could not have been more generous or more genuine.

Upon the invitation of Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46, the Department Commander, the Department Inspector, the Department Quartermaster, the Medical Director, Commanders Lars J. Pettersen and J. A. Duncan, of the Department Council, attended the reception and presentation of a stand of colors to the Camp on the evening of October 20, 1906. The reception accorded the Department officers by Hamilton Fish Camp was most hearty, and the stand of colors presented to the Camp are very handsome; the visit to this Camp was necessarily short, as the Department officers were invited to attend the reception of the William H. Hubbell Camp No. 4, at the Germania Theatre, in Brooklyn, which they did and had the pleasure of listening to the last act of a comedy which preceded the reception.

On the evening of October 22, 1906, a dinner was tendered to the Department Commander of New York, at Terrace Garden, in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York. There were present over two hundred Comrades. The spirit of harmony and good-fellowship that pervaded the dinner spoke volumes for the future of our organization in New York City. The list of toasts were responded to as follows: "Welcome," by Comrade W. H. I. Reaney, replied to by Comrade Frank Keck; "The Spanish-American War, the Cause of Our Existence," by Comrade Champe S. Andrews; "Civil Service," by Comrade L. T. Fetzer; "Manhattan Borough," by Comrade Bernard J. Fagan; "Brooklyn Borough," by Comrade Clinton P. Hamilton; "Richmond Borough," by Department Junior Vice-Commander John T. Oates. The music was under the direction of Comrade Lambert L. Eben, Bandmaster of the 71st N. G., N. Y. The Chairman and Toastmaster was Commander Jeremiah Hunter, Major Frank Keck Camp No. 53.

XI. Department Headquarters has been notified of the death of the following Comrades:—

Comrade Charles J. Cavanaugh, late Acting Hospital Steward, United States Army, and of Manhattan Camp No. 1. His death

occurred September 14, 1906, the failure to notify his Camp in time prevented their attendance at the funeral, and memorial services were subsequently held on September 22, 1906, at the Camp Rooms.

Comrade Washington Willcocks, late Major, 9th Regiment, New York Volunteers, and of Manhattan Camp No. 1. His death occurred on October 14, 1906. His Camp attended the funeral in a body, and with Company G, 9th Regiment, N. G., N. Y., escorted the remains to Evergreen Cemetery, where they were interred when the burial service of the organization was read.

Comrade John J. O'Neill, late Artificer, Company A, 12th Regiment, New York Vols., and of Manhattan Camp No. 1. His death occurred October 16, 1906. His Camp attended the services at his home on October 18, 1906, and his remains were interred in Calvary Cemetery.

Comrade Edward Hansen, of Naval Camp No. 49. His death occurred August 26, 1906. He enlisted in the U. S. Navy the 16th day of June, 1897, as Seaman, and was honorably discharged May 27, 1900, and saw service in the Spanish War on board U. S. S. Massachusetts and U. S. S. Monongahela. He re-enlisted as Seaman on the 27th day of August, 1900, for a term of four years, and served on board U. S. S. Alabama, and was honorably discharged as Chief-Boatswain's Mate, 11th day of September, 1904.

By order of FRANK KECK,
Department Commander.

WILLIAM J. S. DINEEN,
Department Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK,
UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

NEW YORK, *November 26, 1906.*

General Orders No. 5.

SERIES 1906-7

I. The following additional Aides-de-Camp are hereby appointed on the staff of the Department Commander:

Comrade Thomas J. McCarthy, Manhattan Camp No. 1.

Comrade Frank J. Gill, R. C. Anderson Camp No. 26.

Comrade Benjamin W. Ash, Major Louis B. Lawton Camp No. 39.

Comrade E. W. Bucklin, Jr., Samuel M. Porter Camp No. 45.

Comrade William A. Spurr, Jr., Franklin C. Warner Camp No. 52.

Comrade W. Martin Watson, Major Frank Keck Camp No. 53.

Comrade George W. Billups, Admiral Philip Naval Camp No. 18.

Comrade J. J. Tuite, Old Guard Camp No. 19.

Comrade Joseph B. Smith, Gen. Guy V. Henry Camp No. 38.

Comrade W. P. Martindale, L. Boardman Smith Camp No. 25.

Comrade John De Hart, 14th Regiment Camp No. 12.

II. The following named are hereby appointed a committee to act under and with the advice of the Judge-Advocate of the Department, Comrade Allen E. Billings, in furthering legislation in the interest of the Department during the session of the Legislature of 1907:

Comrade James F. Court, Old Guard Camp No. 19, Chairman.

Comrade Levi T. Fetzer, Manhattan Camp No. 1.

Comrade Bart. Hunt, Gloucester Naval Camp No. 5.

Comrade A. B. Gilfillan, Emerson H. Liscum Camp No. 14.

Comrade Harry C. Harris, Major John K. Sague Camp No. 44.

Comrade John J. McMullen, Gen. Eugene Griffin Camp No. 11.

Comrade Clarence J. Thorne, Colonel Walter Scott Camp No. 42.

III. Pursuant to article VI, section 14, of the Rules and Regulations, and upon the recommendation of Department Quartermaster John S. Adair, the Council of Administration has authorized the Department Commander to levy a tax of 12½ cents on each Comrade of every Camp in good standing for the first six months of 1907, based upon the membership on December 31, 1906. This tax is payable between the 1st and 31st days of January, 1907, and it is for the best interests of the Camps and the Department that payments shall be made during the period stated above. Payments by Camps in the order in which they are received by the Quartermaster will be so reported by him to the Department Encampment.

IV. The Department Commander, recommends the establishment of Employment Bureaus by the various District Councils where such have not been established, so that Comrades out of employment may apply to them for positions and to which information may be sent concerning positions that may be vacant; such a Bureau has been established by the District Council of Manhattan Borough, New York, and Comrade William A. Moore, Major Frank Keck Camp No. 53, is Chairman, address 176 Broadway, New York.

V. No action affecting the Uniform Dress Regulations of the Organization was taken by the National Encampment other than to authorize the wearing of a Dress Cap in place of the Campaign Hat at the option of the Camps or Comrades.

OFFICIAL DESIGNS OF CAPS, UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

Department Commander.—Bell crown cadet gray, dark blue broadcloth band, eagle on front with name of Department in place of stars, laurel on visor, gold chin strap.

Staff of Department Commander.—Bell crown cadet gray, dark blue broadcloth band, eagle on front with name of Department in place of stars, plain visor, gold chin strap.

Officers of Camps.—Bell crown cadet gray, dark blue serge band, eagle on front with name of Department and number of Camp in place of stars, gold chin strap, plain visor.

Comrades other than National, Department or Camp Officers.

— Bell crown cadet gray, dark blue serge band, detachable gilt eagle with name of Department and number of Camp in place of stars, black polished chin strap and plain visor.

The Department Commander urges the various Camps to take such action as will speedily secure the uniforming of their members; this Department should lead in this respect as well as it does in other respects.

VI. Upon the invitation of Commander William J. Moore, of Manhattan Camp No. 1, the Department Commander attended an entertainment given by that Camp to the ladies and families of the members of the Camp, in their Camp room on Fifty-ninth street, Manhattan, New York, on October 27, 1906. The programme consisted of vocal and instrumental music and recitations; refreshments were served during the evening. No admission fee was charged and the affair presented all the pleasant features of a large social family gathering, commending itself most highly to the Department Commander. Past Commander B. J. Fagan acted as Master of Ceremonies on the occasion.

On the 16th day of November, 1906, upon the invitation of Commander Daniel J. Murphy, of Old Guard Camp No. 19, the Department Commander, accompanied by the Department Adjutant, the Department Quartermaster, the Department Inspector, the Department Medical Director, Aide-de-Camp Charles Edwards, and Commander J. A. Duncan, of the Department Council, made an official visit to the Camp. During the meeting Thomas L. Lynch, of the 9th N. Y. Vols., and John McKenna, of the 22d N. Y. Vols., were mustered into the Camp, and, by the courtesy of the Commander, Department Adjutant Dineen delivered the charge to the candidates. After adjournment the Comrades sat down to a bountiful supper and listened to music rendered by the Imperial Quartette. A large delegation from Manhattan Camp No. 1 and several Comrades from Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46 were present. Addresses were delivered by the visiting Comrades and Department Officers and a very happy evening was brought to a close by everybody singing "Auld Lang Syne."

VII. The Department Commander acknowledges the receipt of an invitation to be present at the dinner to be tendered to Chaplain-in-Chief W. H. I. Reaney, U. S. N., by Gloucester Naval

Camp No. 5, to be given at the Labor Lyceum, Brooklyn, December 4, 1906.

The Department Commander with his staff have been tendered a review by Manhattan Camp No. 1, to be given at the Lexington Avenue Opera House, Manhattan, New York, on Friday evening, December 7, 1906.

The Department Commander acknowledges the receipt of an invitation to the Fifth Annual Military and Civic Ball of the Admiral Philip Naval Camp No. 18, United Spanish War Veterans, to be held at the Brooklyn Labor Lyceum, Willoughby and Myrtle Avenues, Brooklyn, N. Y., on Tuesday, December 11, 1906.

VIII. Department Headquarters has been advised by Comrade Robert A. Doremus, Adjutant of the William McKinley Camp No. 63, of the death of Comrade Daniel Sleizinger of that Camp, which occurred on November 12, 1906. Comrade Sleizinger was Post Quartermaster Sergeant in the United States Army, and served continuously from August 4, 1869, to September 30, 1899. He was born in the City of New York and was at the time of his death 59 years of age. The sympathy of Headquarters and of the Comrades throughout the Department is extended to the family of our deceased Comrade and to the Comrades of the William McKinley Camp No. 62.

Department Headquarters have been advised of the death of Frank Clay, Sergeant Co. A, 47th N. Y. Vols., and of W. H. Hubbell Camp No. 4. His death was due to a severe attack of tuberculosis contracted while in the service, and occurred on November 23, 1906. His remains were interred in Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y., a military funeral being accorded him by his Camp. The sympathy of Headquarters and of the Comrades throughout the Department is extended to the family of our deceased Comrade and to the Comrades of William H. Hubbell Camp No. 4.

By order,
FRANK KECK,
Department Commander.

WILLIAM J. S. DINEEN,
Department Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK.

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

NEW YORK, *December 23, 1906.*

General Orders No. 6.

SERIES 1906-1907.

I. The Department Commander is pleased to announce the establishment of the Gustave Kolb Camp No. 64, at Syracuse, New York, on the evening of November 30, 1906. Commander Torrey A. Ball, of Robert C. Anderson Camp No. 26, was detailed as Mustering Officer (S. O. No. 3, 1906-7), mustered in the Camp and installed the following named officers:

OFFICERS INSTALLED.

Commander, Joseph H. Dooley, 306 Croton street, Syracuse, New York.

Senior Vice-Commander, Eugene A. Kerby, Syracuse, New York.

Junior Vice-Commander, Albert H. Hanscomb, Syracuse, New York.

Quartermaster, John G. Butler, Syracuse, New York.

Officer of the Day, Charles J. Heyne, Syracuse, New York.

Trustee, three years, Richard J. Hennessey.

The Department Commander expresses his thanks to the Mustering Officer for his work in organizing this Camp.

II. A per capita tax of twelve and one-half cents on each Comrade of every Camp in good standing in this Department is hereby levied, based upon the membership on December 31, 1906, and is payable between the 1st and 31st days of January, 1907, to Department Quartermaster John S. Adair, 713 Columbus avenue, New York city.

III. These Headquarters direct the Commanders of Camps, through their respective Adjutants and Quartermasters, to make and forward to Department Headquarters pursuant to article VII, sections 19 and 20 of the Rules and Regulations the semi-annual returns and reports required to be made on January 1st of each year.

IV. The attention of the Camps is directed to the amendment adopted at the last National Encampment providing for the election of trustees at the next regular election, as follows, one to serve for one year, another to serve for a period of two years, and a third to serve for a period of three years, and thereafter at each annual election one Trustee shall be elected, who shall serve for a period of three years.

V. The Department Commander will install the newly elected officers in the following named Camps, on the dates herein designated:

1907.

- Jan. 3. Gen. Guy V. Henry Camp No. 38, O'Connors Hall, Third avenue and Forty-eighth street, Manhattan.
5. Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46, O'Connor's Hall, Third avenue and Forty-eighth street, Manhattan.
10. Old Guard Camp No. 19, at Healy's, Sixty-sixth street and Columbus avenue, Manhattan.
11. Defendiam Camp No. 36, at 22d Regiment Armory, Sixty-eighth street and Broadway, Manhattan.
12. G. D. Russell Camp No. 43, 13th Regiment Armory, Sumner and Jefferson avenues, Brooklyn.
14. William R. Carmer Camp No. 8, at the G. A. R. Hall, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

The Staff of the Department Commander will report in uniform at the places and on the dates as fixed above at 8.30 p. m., in each instance, excepting in the case of the William R. Carmer Camp, when they will report at the Harlem Station of the N. Y. C. & H. R. R., 125th street and Park avenue, N. Y., at 7.50 p. m.

VI. Junior Vice Department Commander John T. Oates is hereby detailed as Mustering Officer to install the newly elected officers in the following named Camps and on the dates herein designated:

1907.

- Jan. 2. Wm. McKinley Camp No. 62, at 319 Atlantic avenue, Brooklyn, at 8.30 p. m.
5. Gloucester Naval Camp No. 5, at Borough Hall, Brooklyn, at 8.30 p. m.

VII. Department Mustering Officer S. J. Kopetzky is hereby detailed to install the newly elected officers of the 14th Regiment Camp No. 12, on January 4, 1907, at 8.30 P. M., at the 14th Regiment Armory, Fourteenth street and Eighth avenue, Brooklyn.

VIII. The Junior Vice Department Commander and the Department Mustering Officer are hereby authorized to invite such Comrades as they may see fit, to assist them in the ceremonies of installation.

IX. The Department Commander acknowledges the receipt of an invitation to attend the installation ceremonies of the Niagara Falls Camp No. 7, to be presided over by the Commander-in-Chief, Comrade Hamilton Ward.

X. Upon the invitation of the Gloucester Naval Camp No. 5, the Department Commander attended a complimentary dinner tendered to our Chaplain-in-Chief, William H. I. Reaney, given at the Labor Lyceum, Myrtle and Willoughby avenues, Brooklyn, on December 4th. Over one hundred Comrades, representing the various Camps in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Richmond and Queens, were present. Commander Bart Hunt acted as Toastmaster; on his right sat the guest of the evening, and on his left the Department Commander. There were present from these Headquarters Department Adjutant W. J. S. Dineen, Department Quartermaster John S. Adair and Aide-de-Camp Thomas J. McCarthy. The address of welcome was made by the Department Commander, and at the finish of his address the whole assemblage gave our Reverend guest a most hearty welcome. Addresses were made by Comrades John T. Oates, Junior Vice Department Commander L. T. Fetzer, William A. Coakley and others, all of which were listened to with a great deal of interest, but the crowning speech of the evening was made by the Rev. J. P. Chidwick, who, in admirably chosen language expressed for those assembled their appreciation of the work done by Comrade Reaney for the organization, and at the conclusion of the address presented in the name of the Gloucester Camp, a beautiful golden chalice studded with precious stones and also a handsome golden Patten. Our Chaplain was so overcome by surprise that he felt that he could scarcely fittingly express himself. The dinner ended by the Comrades clasping hands and singing "Auld Lang Syne."

On the 7th day of December, 1906, the Department Commander and his Staff was tendered a review by the Manhattan Camp No. 1, at the Lexington Avenue Opera House. The Department Commander was accompanied in the ceremonies of the review by Past Commander-in-Chief Thomas F. Lynch, Department Inspector A. J. Kennedy, Department Medical Director A. J. Schneidenbach, Department Mustering Officer S. J. Kopetzky and Aide-de-Camp Charles Edwards. A reception followed the review and was a brilliant affair; Comrade George F. Tighe was the Floor Director, Comrade L. T. Fetzer, Chairman of the Reception Committee, and Comrade Bernard J. Fagan, the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements. The event proved again a red letter day in the history of Manhattan Camp.

Upon the invitation of the Commander of Admiral Philip Naval Camp No. 18, the Department Commander, accompanied by the Department Adjutant, Department Quartermaster, Department Medical Director and Aide-de-Camp John De Hart, attended a meeting of the Camp at its Hall, at 118 Myrtle avenue, Brooklyn, New York, on Tuesday evening, December 18, 1906, and is pleased to report that the business of the evening, which consisted principally of the election of officers for the ensuing year, was carried on in a dignified manner, and the harmony that prevailed after the election in view of the contest that was had over the election to several of the officers was worthy of noting in orders, the comradeship and hospitality exhibited was highly creditable to the Comrades composing this Camp.

XI. Department Headquarters have only recently been advised by the Adjutant of the Gloucester Naval Camp No. 5, of the following deaths, that have occurred this year in said Camp:

Comrade Joseph D. McCann, late Private, Co. H., 14th New Yorks Vols., who died April 10, 1906; a military funeral was accorded the Comrade, and was commanded by Commander Bart Hunt; interment was had in Holy Cross Cemetery, and the Department of New York was represented by Junior Vice Department Commander John T. Oates.

Comrade Adrian D. Williams, late Hospital Steward, 14th New York Vols., died May 4th, 1906; his funeral was private.

Department Headquarters have been advised by the Acting Adjutant of Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46, of the death of Cornelius B. Donovan of that Camp. His death occurred on December 11, 1906, at the City of New York. Comrade Donovan was born in the City of New York, Borough of Manhattan, on the 10th day of June, 1876. He entered the service on July 20, 1898, as a Private in the Fourth Battery, New York Vols., and was discharged on October 21, 1898, by reason of muster out of his Battery. He was mustered into the Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp on the 18th day of October, 1906. His interment took place at Calvary Cemetery, December 14, 1906.

The sympathy of Headquarters and of the Comrades throughout the Department is extended to the families of our deceased Comrades and to the Comrades of the Gloucester Naval Camp No. 5, and the Comrades of the Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46.

By order of

FRANK KECK,
Department Commander.

WILLIAM J. S. DINEEN,
Department Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK.

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

45 Broadway, New York, *January 25th, 1907.*

General Orders No. 7.

SERIES 1906-7.

I. The attention of the Camps is directed to the fact that when the present Department Quartermaster assumed office the retiring Department Quartermaster Comrade Charles Leimbach turned over the sum of \$225.76 in cash and book accounts amounting to \$31.14. The Department Council has authorized the levy of a per capita tax of 12½ cents for the first half of the year 1907, and the same has been levied, and it is urgently requested that the Camps which have not up to the present time liquidated the same shall do so with as little delay as possible to Department Quartermaster John S. Adair, 713 Columbus avenue, New York city.

II. The Department Commander directs that the Camp Adjutants forward to these headquarters the addresses of their respective Commanders, Adjutants and Quartermasters, the place of meeting of their respective Camps and the appointed evenings in the month upon which meetings are held by their Camps, which information is to be used in the preparation of a Roster to be issued during the month of March, 1907.

III. The Department Commander directs that Camp Adjutants in reporting deaths of comrades in their respective Camps, will state in their reports:

1st, the date and place of birth of the comrade.

2d, the date, place and cause of death of the comrade.

3d, the military service of the comrade.

4th, the date of muster-in, in the United Spanish War Veterans, and record of service therein, and action taken by the Camp upon the death of the comrade.

IV. The Department Commander will install the newly elected officers in the following named camps, and on the dates herein designated:

January 30, 1907, James M. Jarvis Camp No. 23, at the 8th Regiment Armory, 94th Street and Park Avenue, Manhattan.

February 12, 1907, Griffin Engineer Camp No. 31, at O'Connor's Hall, Third Avenue and 48th Street, Manhattan.

The Staff of Department Commander will report in uniform at the places designated and upon the dates fixed above at 8.30 P. M.

V. The following comrades from this Department have been honored with positions on the Commander-in-Chief's Staff.

Chief of Staff, C. A. Simmons, L. Boardman Smith Camp No. 25, Rochester, N. Y.

Adjutant-General, John T. Ryan, Major-General R. P. Hughes Camp No. 17, Buffalo, N. Y.

Quartermaster-General Andrew B. Gilfillan, Emerson H. Lisum Camp No. 14, Buffalo, N. Y.

Assistant Inspector General, Otto J. W. Zimmerman, Old Guard Camp No. 19, 1151 Invervale Avenue, New York City.

Provost Marshal, James H. Cooke, General Guy V. Henry Camp N. 38, New York City.

Aides-de-Camp, L. T. Fetzer, Manhattan Camp No. 1, New York; W. S. Halliday, W. H. Hubbell Camp No. 4, Brooklyn, N. Y.; George E. Hall, 14th Regiment Camp No. 12, Brooklyn, N. Y.; J. S. Wilson, Major John K. Sague Camp No. 44, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Hector McBean, Niagara Falls Camp No. 7, Niagara Falls, N. Y.; H. P. Hamlin, Franklin C. Warner Camp No. 52, Ilion, N. Y.; F. O. Seymour, T. H. Barber Camp No. 3, Binghamton, N. Y.; Hiram C. Todd, Saratoga Camp No. 58, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

VI. The Department Commander and his staff have been invited to attend the joint installation of the Officers of the Vanderbilt Post No. 136, G. A. R., and the Vanderbilt Women's Relief Corps No. 15, to be held February 13, 1907, at 8 o'clock P. M., at Ebling's Casino, 156th Street, St. Ann's Avenue, New York City. This invitation is also extended to all the Camps in Greater New York; the Department Commander requests that as many comrades as can do so will attend in uniform.

The Department Commander and his staff have been invited to attend the Annual Reception and Ball of the Gen. Guy V.

Henry Camp No. 38, to be held at the Palm Garden, 58th Street, between Third Avenue and Lexington Avenue, Manhattan, New York, on Wednesday evening, February 20, 1907. Department Staff will attend in uniform, and assemble in the committee room of the Palm Garden at 9 o'clock P. M.

Upon invitation of Manhattan Camp No. 1, the Department Commander accompanied by his staff will pay an official visit to the Camp, on Saturday evening, February 9, 1907; the Staff will assemble at No. 9 and 11 East 59th Street at 8.30 P. M. in uniform.

VII. Upon the invitation of Commander R. W. Andrews, of the Major John K. Sague Camp No. 44, the Department Commander, accompanied by Department Medical Director A. J. Schneidenbach and Department Inspector A. J. Kennedy, visited the Major John K. Sague Camp at Poughkeepsie, on the 8th day of January. The Department Commander acting as Mustering Officer and the Department Inspector acting as Master of Ceremonies installed the newly-elected and appointed officers. The visit of the Department Officers was very much enjoyed, the hospitality of the Camp was bountiful, and the Department Commander can assure every Camp in this Department that for real good and true comradeship and loyalty to the organization the Major John K. Sague Camp is a live and true exemplification.

Upon the invitation of Neptune Naval Camp No. 30, the Department Commander, accompanied by Department Medical Director A. J. Schneidenbach, Aides-de-Camp McCarthy and De Hart, attended the joint Installation of the officers of the Neptune Naval Camp and the Ida McKinley Auxiliary No. 10, on the evening of January 18, 1907, at 315 Washington Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. The Department Commander acted as Mustering Officer and Aide-de-Camp McCarthy as Master of Ceremonies in the installation of the officers of the Camp, and the President General of the National Auxiliary installed the officers of the Ida McKinley Auxiliary. The Department Commander takes this opportunity to express to the Neptune Naval Camp his appreciation of the good work that they were able to do during the year just closed.

VIII. Department Headquarters have only recently been advised by the Adjutant of Griffin Engineer Camp No. 31 of the death of Comrade John A. Donald, Senior Vice Commander of Griffin Engineer Camp No. 31, at the time of his death, which occurred on the 1st day of July, 1906. He saw service with the 1st U. S. Volunteer Engineers, in Porto Rico, during the year 1898.

Department Headquarters have been advised by Comrade Walter P. Martindale, Adjutant of the L. Boardman Smith Camp No. 25, of the death of F. J. Burkhart of that Camp. His death occurred on the 14th day of December, 1906, having been killed in an accident on the Central lines while serving as a brakeman. He was born in Rochester, N. Y., in the year 1879, and enlisted on June 13, 1901, in the service of the United States Army as a private in F Company, 7th Infantry, and was honorably discharged therefrom at Fort McDowell on May 27, 1904, on account of short remaining term of service for the benefit of the Government. He was mustered into the L. Boardman Smith Camp November 20, 1905, and at the time of his death was a resident of the city of Rochester. His funeral was attended by a large number of members from his Camp.

The sympathy of Headquarters and of the Comrades throughout the Department is extended to the families of our deceased Comrades and to the Comrades of Griffin Engineer Camp No. 31, and L. Boardman Smith Camp No. 25.

By order of

FRANK KECK,
Department Commander.

WILLIAM J. S. DINEEN,
Department Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK.

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

45 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, *February 25, 1907.*

General Orders No. 8.

SERIES 1906-7.

I. The Department Inspector, A. J. Kennedy, will inspect the Camps located in the Boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn, the Bronx, Queens, and Richmond, City of New York, and also those located in the Cities of Poughkeepsie, Yonkers, Mt. Vernon and New Rochelle. The Department Inspector and Department Assistant Inspectors will give due notice of their intended visits to the Camps for purpose of inspection.

The following Comrades are detailed as Department Assistant Inspectors and will inspect the Camps located at the places assigned to them respectively. They are directed to complete all inspections and forward their reports of the same to the Department Inspector, Comrade A. J. Kennedy, address Whitestone, Long Island, New York, on or before the 1st day of June, 1907.

Comrade James S. Ormsby, Niagara Falls Camp No. 7., at Niagara Falls, Tonawanda, Medina and Rochester.

Comrade Walter E. Pagan, Emerson H. Liscum Camp No. 14, in the City of Buffalo.

Comrade Frank Hoppman, Gen. Eugene Griffin Camp No. 11, at Albany, Amsterdam, Hoosick Falls, Saratoga Springs, Schenectady and Troy.

Comrade F. W. Cristman, Colonel J. W. Vrooman Camp No. 51, at Herkimer, Ilion and Utica.

Comrade Frank J. Gill, Robert C. Anderson Camp No. 26, at Auburn, Oswego and Syracuse.

Comrade E. W. Bucklin, Jr., Samuel M. Porter Camp No. 45, at Hornellsville, Jamestown and Olean.

Comrade Clarence J. Thorne, Colonel Walter Scott Camp No. 42, at Binghamton, Elmira, Middletown and Oneonta.

Comrade William A. Spurr, Jr., Franklin C. Warner Camp No. 52, at Whitehall and Glens Falls.

Comrade F. P. Palmer, William Cary Sanger Camp No. 57, at Ogdensburg and Watertown.

II. The Department Commander is pleased to announce that among the appointments made on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief from this Department and inadvertently omitted from G. O. No. 7, C. S., is that of Comrade Charles E. Haller, Colonel Stephen Y. Seyburn Camp No. 13, to the office of Assistant Adjutant General.

III. The new roster of Camp officers will be issued March 15th, and will contain the names of the Commander, Adjutant and Quartermaster of each Camp, together with their respective addresses. The names of the officers of last year of the Camps that have failed to comply with Par. II, G. O. No. 7, C. S., will be published in this Roster as the officers of present date.

IV. On the evening of the 14th day of January, 1907, Past Commander-in-Chief Thomas F. Lynch accompanied by the members of the Department Commander's Staff, visited the William R. Carmer Camp No. 8, at Mt. Vernon, and by order of the Department Commander acted as Mustering Officer and installed the newly elected officers of the Camp. A joint installation took place, the Ladies' Auxiliary holding their installation ceremonies at the same time. Past Commander-in-Chief Lynch reported the Camp in a very good condition. The Department Commander takes this opportunity of publicly thanking Past Commander-in-Chief Lynch for the services he rendered to the Department in conducting the installation.

On the evening of February 9th, upon the invitation of the Commander of the Colonel H. W. Hubbell Camp No. 24, the Department Commander, accompanied by the Department Inspector, the Department Medical Director and Aides-de-Camp Edwards, McCarthy and DeHart, attended the installation of the newly-elected officers of the Camp. The Department Commander acted as Mustering Officer and Comrade McCarthy as Master of Ceremonies. After the installation ceremonies the Department Commander was requested to make the presentation speech upon the presentation of a handsome stand of silk colors. The affair was a public installation and presentation and the attendance was large and the Comrades proved themselves admirable hosts.

Upon the invitation of the General Henry W. Lawton Camp No. 21, on the evening of the 11th day of February, 1907, the Department Commander, accompanied by Aide-de-Camp John DeHart, attended an entertainment given the ladies of the Camp, and made the presentation address upon presenting to Past Commander Joseph Lutz, a very costly and beautiful badge of the order.

On the evening of February 12th, the Department Commander installed the newly-elected officers of the Griffin Engineers Camp No. 31. He was accompanied by the Department Quartermaster, the Department Medical Director and Aides-de-Camp Edwards, DeHart, Orr and Schmiler. The Department Commander acted as Mustering Officer and Department Quartermaster John S. Adair acted as Master of Ceremonies.

On the evening of February 20th the Department Commander, accompanied by the Department Quartermaster, the Department Medical Director, Aides-de-Camp Edwards, McCarthy, DeHart, Orr and Schmiler, upon the invitation of the General Guy V. Henry Camp No. 38, attended the annual Ball and Reception of the Camp, held at Palm Garden, in the Borough of Manhattan. The function proved a very enjoyable one and will result in strengthening the enthusiasm that the comrades have for the organization.

V. These Headquarters have only recently been advised of the death of Comrade Thomas Reidy, a charter member of the Winfield S. Overton, Jr., Camp No. 29. Comrade Reidy was born in Whitestone, Long Island, in the year 1878. He served as a private in Company E, 47th U. S. Vols., from September 12, 1899, to July 2, 1901, when he was discharged by reason of muster-out of his regiment. He died at Whitestone, Long Island, on the 18th day of November, 1906, and his remains were interred in St. Mary's Cemetery, Flushing, Long Island, on the 20th day of November, 1906, a number of the members of his Camp attending the funeral.

These Headquarters have been advised by the Adjutant of the William H. Hubbell Camp No. 4, of the death of Michael Norris, of that Camp. His death occurred on the 2d day of February, 1907, at Seney Hospital, in the Borough of Brooklyn,

City of New York. Comrade Norris was born in New Orleans, in the State of Louisiana, in the year 1874. He served in the United States Navy as a Landsman on the U. S. S. New York from September 7, 1898, to May 11, 1899, and was discharged by reason of Purchase. He was mustered into the William H. Hubbell Camp No. 4 on the 25th day of November, 1904. He never held office in the Camp, but was an ardent, faithful and interested worker. Members of the Camp attended the funeral services and the Camp adopted and forwarded resolutions of condolence to the family of the deceased comrade.

These Headquarters have been advised by the Adjutant of the Manhattan Camp No. 1 of the death of Comrade Martin Frizzell. Comrade Frizzell was born in the year 1873, in Yorkshire, England. He served as a private in Troop I, 2d U. S. Cavalry, from the 11th day of May, 1898, to the 1st day of February, 1899, when he was discharged by reason of expiration of term of service. He was mustered into the Manhattan Camp No. 1 February 13, 1904, and never held any office therein. He died at St. Joseph's Hospital on the 16th day of February, 1907, of consumption. His remains were interred in Calvary Cemetery on the 29th day of February, 1907. The Manhattan Camp attended the funeral in a body, and at the interment the ritual service of our order was rendered.

The sympathy of these Headquarters and of the Comrades throughout the Department is extended to the families of our deceased comrades and to the comrades of the Winfield S. Overton, Jr., Camp, the Manhattan Camp and the William H. Hubbell Camp.

By order of

FRANK KECK,

Department Commander.

WILLIAM J. S. DINEEN,

Department Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK.

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

45 Broadway, NEW YORK, *March 25, 1907.*

General Orders No. 9.

SERIES 1906-7.

I. The Department Commander is pleased to announce the establishment of the Admiral B. H. McCalla Camp, No. 65, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, on the evening of Friday, March 22, 1907, when Department Quartermaster, Comrade John S. Adair, acted as Mustering Officer (S. O. No. 10, c. s.).

The names and addresses of the officers installed are as follows:

Commander Michael F. Howard, 79 Monitor street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Senior Vice-Commander, Jesse F. Ford, 672 Manhattan avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Junior Vice-Commander, James B. Nugent, 370 Myrtle avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Chaplain, Thomas O. Carmody, 66 State street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Adjutant, Christopher A. Bogart, 14 North Henry street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Quartermaster, George Geschwind, 223 West 10th street, New York City.

Officer of the Day, Albert Hansen, 227 North Henry street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Officer of the Guard, Joseph B. Deeken, 181 India street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Trustees, Edward Gales, 1133 Fulton street, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Edward Nau, 15 Dodworth street, Brooklyn, N. Y.; George H. Thompson, 29 Vanderbilt avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

The mustering officer also reports the place of meeting of the Camp to be the New Assembly Hall, Driggs avenue and Eckford street, and time of meeting the second and fourth Friday evenings of each month; the Camp starts under favorable circumstances and bids fair to become one of the strongest in the Borough of Brooklyn.

The Department Commander expresses his thanks to Department Quartermaster Adair for his work as Mustering Officer, and to those comrades who assisted in the installation of the Camp.

II. Below is given a list of the Camps that have up to the present date paid their per capita tax due the Department. A comparison of this list with the one published in G. O., No. 7, 1905-6, shows that with few exceptions the Camps named are stronger this year than they were at this time last year, and while all the Camps have not complied with Par. II, G. O., No. 6, c. s., yet the showing made is creditable to the Department.

1. Samuel M. Porter, No. 45.....	60	Jan. 4
2. Capt. A. K. Capron, No. 60.....	37	Jan. 4
3. Admiral Sampson, No. 48.....	21	Jan. 10
4. Defendam Camp, No. 36.....	79	Jan. 11
5. Naval, No. 49.....	44	Jan. 17
6. Niagara Falls, No. 7.....	74	Jan. 17
7. Col. Walter Scott, No. 42.....	47	Jan. 19
8. H. W. Hubbell, No. 24.....	49	Jan. 19
9. Admiral Schley Squadron No. 16.....	110	Jan. 26
10. Hoosick, No. 63.....	30	Jan. 26
11. Manhattan, No. 1.....	288	Jan. 26
12. F. C. Warner, No. 52.....	33	Jan. 28
13. W. H. Hubbell, No. 4.....	208	Jan. 28
14. Sergt. Hamilton Fish, No. 46.....	68	Jan. 28
15. George D. Russell, No. 43.....	57	Feb. 1
16. Warren A. Wilson, No. 9.....	45	Feb. 6
17. R. C. Anderson, No. 26.....	48	Feb. 7
18. Major L. H. Lawton, No. 39.....	51	Feb. 7
19. Gloucester Naval, No. 5.....	109	Feb. 11
20. Capron, No. 22.....	42	Feb. 11
21. Gen. H. W. Lawton, No. 21.....	60	Feb. 14
22. Medina, No. 50.....	26	Feb. 18
23. Griffin Engineers, No. 31.....	48	Feb. 18
24. Guy V. Henry, No. 38.....	83	Feb. 22
25. Hugo E. Kruse, No. 61.....	18	Feb. 25
26. E. M. Hoffman, No. 40.....	50	Feb. 27
27. Joseph S. Decker, No. 20.....	30	Mar. 7

28. Major Frank Keck, No. 53.....	63	Mar. 11
29. E. H. Liscum, No. 33.....	62	Mar. 14
30. W. R. Carmer, No. 8.....	27	Mar. 16
31. N. W. Crosby, No. 37.....	27	Mar. 18
32. Gen. Eugene Griffin, No. 11.....	59	Mar. 18
33. H. J. Reilly, No. 34.....	55	Mar. 20
34. Old Guard, No. 19.....	155	Mar. 20
35. O. R. Wheeler, No. 35.....	40	Mar. 22
36. Capt. F. R. Palmer, No. 28.....	93	Mar. 22
37. Admiral Philips, No. 18.....	52	Mar. 22

III. Upon invitation of the Major Frank Keck Camp, No. 53, the Department Commander, on the evening of March the 11th, acting as mustering Officer, and Comrade Bernhardt Wall, Commander of Manhattan Camp, No. 1, acting as Master of Ceremonies, installed the Officers of that Camp for the ensuing year. A large delegation from Manhattan Camp was present and a pleasant social meeting of the representatives of both Camps took place after the muster.

On Saturday evening, the 16th of March, 1907, the Department Commander upon the invitation of the Naval Camp, No. 49, attended their annual ball and reception at Tietgen's Hall, Brooklyn, N. Y. The reception proved a great success, the hall was crowded and the entertainment furnished was much appreciated by those present.

Upon the invitation of the Admiral Schley Naval Squadron No. 16, the Department Commander, accompanied by Medical Director Schneiderbach and Aide-de-Camp De Hart, attended on the evening of the 23d day of March, at the Brooklyn Labor Lyceum, their annual ball and reception. The attendance was very large, the hall beautifully decorated, the entertainment afforded the Comrades and guests was much appreciated and the Department Commander makes no mistake in stating that this function will add much to the future success of the Camp.

IV. Manhattan Camp, No. 1, desires the announcement of a lecture to be given by Past Department Commander Champe S. Andrews on Japan, at the Chemist Club's Hall, No. 108 West

55th street, New York City, on the evening of April 17th, at 8.15 o'clock, the proceeds of which will be applied towards the Memorial Day exercises of that Camp.

V. These Headquarters have been advised by the Adjutant of Manhattan Camp, No. 1, of the death of Comrade John Robert Foley, of said Camp. Comrade Foley was born in the city of Washington, D. C., in the year 1868. He served as Private and Corporal in Company B, 7th Regiment, N. G. N. Y., until the outbreak of the Spanish-American war, when he enlisted as a private in the 201st Regiment, N. Y. Volunteers, on July 18, 1898, rose to the rank of First Lieutenant and was mustered out with his regiment as First Lieutenant, on the 3d day of April, 1899. He subsequently served in the 69th Regiment, N. G., N. Y., as First Lieutenant of Company H, and at the time of his death was Regimental Adjutant of the same regiment, holding the rank of Captain. He was mustered into the Manhattan Camp, No. 1, on the 11th day of February, 1899. He died on the 11th day of March, 1907, at Aiken, S. C.; funeral services were held at the Church of the Holy Innocents on the 15th day of March, a large delegation from his Camp attending. He was buried in Calvary Cemetery.

These Headquarters have been advised by the Commander of the Hon. Stephen Sanford Camp, No. 6, of the death of Comrade Henry Werner of that Camp, who departed this life on the 14th day of March, 1907, and was buried on the 17th day of March, with military honors, the Camp attending the services at his residence, church and cemetery.

The sympathy of these Headquarters and of the Comrades throughout the Department is extended to the families of our deceased Comrades and to the Comrades of the Manhattan Camp, No. 1, and the Hon. Stephen Sanford Camp, No. 6.

By order of

FRANK KECK,
Department Commander.

WILLIAM J. S. DINEEN,
Department Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK.

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

29 Broadway, NEW YORK, *April 25, 1907.*

General Orders No. 10.

SERIES 1906-7.

I. Comrade John D. Howland, of Colonel Stephen Y. Seyburn Camp, No. 13, is hereby detailed as Department Assistant Inspector Vice-Commander Walter E. Pagan relieved from duty as Department Assistant Inspector, having removed to Rochester, N. Y. Comrade John D. Howland will inspect the Camps located in the City of Buffalo, and will report the result of his inspections to Department Inspector Comrade A. J. Kennedy, Whitestone, Long Island, N. Y., on or before the 1st day of June, 1907.

II. The Council of Administration have voted to hold the Department Encampment on the 5th, 6th and 7th days of August of this year, at Elmira, N. Y. Interest among the Comrades should be at once enlisted so that a full delegation from each Camp will be present at this Encampment.

III. The Department Quartermaster reports in addition to the Camps published in G. O. No. 9, c. s., the following as having paid their per capita tax for the six months ending June 30, 1907:

38. James M. Jarvis Camp, No. 23.....	88	March 27
39. Bucky O'Neil Camp, No. 15.....	20	March 28
40. Saratoga Camp, No. 58.....	46	March 29
41. Bruso-Chauncey Camp, No. 41.....	18	April 3
42. Wallace F. Randolph Camp, No. 27....	27	April 10
43. William McKinley Camp, No. 62.....	44	April 10
44. Major John K. Sague Camp, No. 44....	86	April 17
45. Gustave Kolbe Camp, No. 64.....	15	April 18
46. M. D. Russell Camp, No. 2.....	79	April 18
47. Baron Steuben Camp, No. 47.....	14	April 18
48. Colonel Stephen Y. Seyburn Camp, No. 13	80	April 22

49. Winfield S. Overton, Jr., Camp, No. 29	22	April	22
50. General R. P. Hughes Camp, No. 17..	30	April	23
51. E. H. Liscum Camp, No. 14.....	76	April	26
52. Theo. Roosevelt Camp, No. 10.....	78	April	27

The Department Quartermaster reports that the following Camps have failed to pay their per capita tax, and the Department Adjutant likewise reports that they have failed to send in their semi-annual returns due the 1st day of January, 1907.

Thomas H. Barber Camp, No. 3; 14th Regiment Camp, No. 12; Neptune Naval Camp, No. 30; Gen. Francis V. Greene Camp, No. 54; Louis W. Carlisle Camp, No. 56; Hon. Stephen Sanford Camp, No. 6; L. Boardman Smith Camp, No. 25; A. C. Weller Camp, No. 32; Col. J. W. Vrooman Camp, No. 51; Herbert L. Tracy Camp, No. 55; William Cary Sanger Camp, No. 57; David Wilson Camp, No. 59.

IV. The proper observance of Decoration Day in this Department should be the object and purpose of every loyal Spanish War Veteran and Camp of this organization. And the Department Commander directs that the Camps join with the Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic in the proper observance of this day. The ranks of the G. A. R. are thinning fast and in the near future it will be our duty and privilege not only to decorate the graves of our own dead, but those who fought in the Civil War. The Camps should parade on Decoration Day with full ranks, and every Comrade who served in the army during the Spanish War whether he be a member of our organization or not ought to be invited to parade on this occasion.

V. The Department Commander recommends that Sunday, May 26th, of this year, be set apart as Memorial Sunday in this Department, and that memorial services for our dead be held under the auspices of the Camps in this Department in one of the churches located in the towns or cities possessing Camps of our organization.

Memorial services in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, under the auspices of the Gloucester Naval Camp, No. 5, U. S. W. V., on that date will consist of the celebration of a high military Mass on the campus in front of the Marine Barracks,

at the Navy Yard, Brooklyn, N. Y. The Chaplain-in-Chief of the U. S. W. V., W. H. I. Reaney, will be the celebrant, and he will be assisted by Past Chaplain-in-Chief, John P. Chidwick and other prominent clergy. The Department Commander has been requested to take command of the United Spanish War Veterans on this occasion. Assembly will be at 9.15 a. m., on Washington avenue, west of Flushing avenue, where the Camp Commanders are directed to report to the Department Adjutant.

The memorial services in Manhattan Borough, City of New York, will take place at the Crypt of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, at 113th street and Morningside Drive, in the afternoon of Sunday, May 26th, same day. Comrade John C. Wellwood, Old Guard Camp, No. 19, will preach the sermon. Assembly at the southwest corner of Broadway and 110th street, Manhattan, New York City, at 3.15 p. m. At both these services the Comrades in Greater New York and vicinity are requested to appear in uniform, if possible, and at both services the Camps are requested to carry their colors. No Comrade should fail to attend these services because he does not possess a uniform. All Comrades are urgently requested to be present.

VI. The Department Commander upon the invitation of the President of the District Council of Brooklyn attended a meeting of that body on the afternoon of Sunday, April 7th, and is pleased to report that the representatives from the Camps in Brooklyn present showed great interest in the matters presented for the betterment of the organization in that Borough.

On the evening of April 20th the Department Commander, accompanied by Past Commander-in-Chief, Comrade Thomas F. Lynch, upon the invitation of the Commander of James M. Jarvis Camp, No. 23, attended their annual dinner at the Everett House, in Union Square, New York. The dinner was well attended and the addresses made were extremely happy. This Camp is in a flourishing condition.

VII. It is with great regret that these Headquarters announce the death of Past Department Commander Eugene Griffin, a charter member of Griffin Engineers Camp, No. 31, U. S.

W. V. His death occurred on the 11th day of April, 1907, at the city of Schenectady, N. Y. Past Department Commander Eugene Griffin was born at Ellsworth, Maine, on the 13th day of October, 1855. He entered the Military Academy at West Point in 1871, and was graduated therefrom in 1875, and continued in the regular service until 1889, when he resigned with the rank of Captain of Engineers. He entered the service of the General Electric Company in 1892, as its first vice-president and sales manager, which positions he filled at the time of his death. When the Spanish-American War broke out he organized and commanded the First Regiment of United States Engineers, and served with General Nelson A. Miles in the Porto Rican Campaign, and was mustered out of the service with the rank of Brigadier-General, U. S. Volunteers. Funeral services were held at the Church of the Transfiguration in the City of New York, on April 13, 1907, and the interment was on the same day at the Military Cemetery, at West Point, New York.

The sympathy of Headquarters and of the Comrades throughout the Department is extended to the family of our deceased Comrade, and to the Comrades of Griffin Engineers Camp, No. 31, and the General Eugene Griffin Camp, No. 11.

By order,

FRANK KECK,
Department Commander.

WILLIAM J. S. DINEEN,
Department Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK.

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

29 Broadway, NEW YORK, *May* 28, 1907.

General Orders No. 11.

SERIES 1906-7.

I. It is with great pleasure that these Headquarters announce that on the evening of the 25th of May, 1907, at a meeting of the Manhattan Camp No. 1, a beautiful and costly stand of colors, consisting of the National Flag and the Department Flag, was presented to this Department through the Department Commander by the Hon. James R. Howe, a public-spirited citizen of the Borough of Brooklyn. Addresses on this occasion were made by the Hon. James R. Howe, the Department Commander, the Chaplain-in-Chief, the Commander of Manhattan Camp No. 1, Comrade Bernhardt Wall, Past Commander-in-Chief Comrade Thomas F. Lynch and Comrade James S. Long of Major Frank Keck Camp No. 53, the Chairman of the Colors Committee. After the presentation, Comrade Bernard J. Fagan, Past Commander of Manhattan Camp No. 1, pinned the badge of the organization on the breast of Comrade the Hon. James R. Howe, who had been previously elected an honorary member of Manhattan Camp. At a subsequent ceremony on the same evening a beautiful set of engrossed resolutions, handsomely framed, were presented to Comrade James S. Long, on behalf of the Manhattan Borough Council, by Comrade William A. Moore of Major Frank Keck Camp No. 53, for Comrade Long's untiring efforts in behalf of the Council's interests.

II. These Headquarters are advised by the Adjutant of the Samuel M. Porter Camp No. 45 that on the evening of April 9, 1907, the National Flag was presented to the Samuel M. Porter Camp by the Sons of the Revolution, Comrade William M. Bemus making the presentation speech and Commander Allen E. Billings accepting in an admirable address.

III. The Department Quartermaster reports, in addition to the Camps already reported as having paid their per capita tax, the following:

53. 14th Regiment Camp No. 12.....	77	May 1
54. L. W. Carlisle Camp No. 56.....	37	May 7
55. L. Boardman Smith Camp No. 25.....	302	May 10
56. Neptune Naval Camp No. 30.....	43	May 14

leaving still nine Camps to be heard from. The importance of these Camps liquidating their indebtedness must be apparent to them and should call for no further action from these Headquarters.

The Department Adjutant reports that the following Camps have failed to forward to these Headquarters their semi-annual returns for the term ending December 31, 1906. The Department Commander directs that these Camps at once prepare and forward the returns, reminding the delinquent Camps that their failure to do so will deprive them of their representation in the approaching Department Encampment:

T. H. Barber Camp, No. 3; Gloucester Camp, No. 5; Hon. Stephen Sanford Camp, No. 6; W. A. Wilson Camp, No. 9; 14th Regt. Camp, No. 12; General R. P. Hughes Camp, No. 17; Jos. S. Decker Camp, No. 20; Griffin Engineer Camp, No. 31; A. C. Weller Camp, No. 32; E. H. Liscum Camp, No. 33; H. J. Reilly Camp, No. 34; Brusco Chauncey Camp, No. 41; Baron Steuben Camp, No. 47; Colonel J. W. Vrooman Camp, No. 51; General F. V. Greene Camp, No. 54; William Cary Sanger Camp, No. 57; David Wilson Camp, No. 59.

IV. The attention of the Camp Commanders is directed to article VII, section 14, of the Rules and Regulations, prescribing the manner of election of delegates to the Department and National Encampments and are requested at once to elect the same in accordance with said article and section for the approaching Department Encampment to be held on August 5, 6 and 7, 1907, at Elmira, and forward names of delegates and alternates to the Department Adjutant, Comrade W. J. S. Dineen, No. 274 Clifton place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

V. The Comrade who presented the gold badge to the Camp that showed the largest increase in membership at the last Department Encampment has offered another and similar badge to be presented to the Camp that will show the greatest gain in propor-

tion to its numerical strength at the last Encampment. The following are appointed a committee to act as judges in awarding the prize: Comrade F. W. Cristman, J. W. Vrooman Camp No. 51; Comrade James F. Court, Old Guard Camp No. 19, and Comrade William J. Cunningham, M. D. Russell Camp No. 2.

VI. On the evening of May 8, 1907, the Department Commander, accompanied by the Department Quartermaster, Comrade John S. Adair, visited the Norman W. Crosby Camp No. 37, at New Rochelle, N. Y., and were hospitably entertained by the members of the Camp. During the evening an entertainment was given the friends of the Camp, which will result to the advantage of the Camp in enlisting the interest of the community in which the camp is located. On the evening of May 10th the Department Commander, upon the invitation of the Commander of William H. Hubbell Camp No. 4, attended a regular meeting of that Camp. It was a pleasure to note the presence of Chaplain-in-Chief W. H. I. Reaney, Comrade Morian, Past Commander of the Admiral Schley Naval Squadron, No. 16, and Commander Staal of General H. W. Lawton Camp No. 21. The meeting was well attended and the proverbial hospitality of its Commander well maintained.

Upon the invitation of the Commander of the Admiral Schley Naval Squadron, No. 16, the Department Commander, accompanied by Comrade T. J. McCarthy, one of the Department Commander's aides, attended a meeting of that Camp, and noted the presence of Department Junior Vice-Commander Comrade John T. Oates, also Commander Staal of Lawton Camp No. 21. The meeting was also well attended and the Comrades present evinced an enthusiastic and lively interest in the affairs of our organization. The Department Commander, after the meeting, met the Comrades of this Camp around the festive board and was most hospitably entertained.

These Headquarters have been advised by the Chairman of the Brooklyn District Council that on Saturday, July 6th, at Ulmer Park, Brooklyn, their annual Camp Fire and Games will be held, and the attendance of all members of the order is requested.

VII. On Sunday morning, May 26th, the United Spanish War Veterans in the Boroughs of Manhattan and Brooklyn paraded

with a strength of more than five hundred members, under the command of the Department Commander, to attend the Military Mass in the Brooklyn Navy Yard; and in the afternoon the United Spanish War Veterans of the Manhattan Borough, to the number of two hundred and fifty, attended the memorial services for their departed Comrades at the crypt of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, the Department Commander and a number of his staff attending. At both services the newly presented Department Colors were paraded.

These Headquarters are pleased to note that memorial services for their dead were held by the United Spanish War Veterans of the Borough of Queens, on the evening of May 19, 1907, at the Church of Our Lady of Sorrows at Corona, Long Island, and for the Borough of the Bronx on Sunday evening, May 26, 1907, at the Congregational Church of North New York, 143d street, near Willis avenue, New York; also that Admiral Philip Camp held its memorial services at the Bridge Street A. M. E. Church on Sunday evening, May 26, at 7:30.

VIII. These Headquarters have been advised by the Adjutant of the Defendamp Camp No. 36, of the death of Comrade James H. Lee. Comrade Lee was born in the City of New York, on the 26th day of June, 1864. He served as Second Lieutenant in the 9th New York Volunteer Infantry, during the Spanish War, and was mustered out of the United States service on the 15th day of November, 1898. He was mustered into Defendamp Camp No. 36, on the 13th day of October, 1905. He died on the 19th day of April, 1907, at his residence, 49 West 73d street, New York City, where funeral services were held on the 23d day of April, 1907, a large delegation of Defendamp Camp No. 36, attending. His interment took place at Woodlawn Cemetery, New York.

These Headquarters have been advised by the Adjutant of William H. Hubbell Camp No. 4, of the death of Comrade Edward H. Smith. Comrade Smith was born in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, in the year 1872. He enlisted as a private in Company B, 47th New York Volunteer Infantry, on the 2d day of May, 1898, and was discharged therefrom on the 31st day of March, 1899, at Brooklyn, New York, by reason of muster out of

his regiment. He was mustered into William H. Hubbell Camp No. 4, on October 28, 1902. He died on the 30th day of April, at his residence, No. 387 Myrtle avenue, Brooklyn, New York. His funeral services took place on the evening of the 2d of May, 1907, and were attended by a large delegation from his Camp. His Camp adopted and forwarded resolutions of condolence to his family.

The sympathy of these Headquarters and of the Comrades throughout the Department is extended to the families of our deceased Comrades, and to the Comrades of the Defendamp Camp No. 36, and the William H. Hubbell Camp No. 4.

By order of

FRANK KECK,

Department Commander.

WILLIAM J. S. DINEEN,

Department Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK.

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

29 Broadway, New York, *June 28, 1907.*

General Orders No. 12.

SERIES 1906-1907.

I. Pursuant to the action of the last Department Encampment, held in the City of Albany, August 6 and 7, 1906, and a majority vote of the Department Council of Administration, the Department Encampment for the year 1907 is hereby called to meet in the City of Elmira, New York, on the 5th, 6th, and 7th days of August; the Encampment will assemble for its first session in the City Hall, on Monday, August 5th, at 9:30 A. M.

II. The attention of the Camp Commanders is again called to Article VII, sections 14 and 21, and article VI, section 13, of the Rules and Regulations governing the election of delegates and the rights of Camps to representation in both the Department and National Encampments.

III. Department Headquarters during the continuance of the Encampment will be at the Rathbun House, Elmira. Hotel rates: American plan, from \$2.50 to \$4, and European plan, from \$1 to \$2.50 per day.

IV. The Trunk Line Association has granted a rate of a fare and a third to the Encampment. Delegates and others traveling to the Encampment, should, when purchasing their tickets to Elmira, secure from ticket agent Trunk Line Association Certificates. These tickets will be valid for twenty-five cents on Tuesday morning, August 7th, and upon presentation at the station for return trip will be good for a reduction of the fare to one-third.

V. The Camp Adjutants are instructed to forward at once the names of the delegates and alternate delegates elected to represent their respective Camps in the Department and National Encampments to the Department Adjutant, Wm. J. S. Dineen, 274 Clifton Place, Brooklyn, N. Y., on receipt of this order, if they have not already done so.

VI. The local committee of arrangements for the Encampment, of which Past Commander William H. Halliday is the chairman, have made generous plans for the entertainment of the delegates.

VII. Commanders of Camps, through their respective Adjutants and Quartermasters, are hereby directed to make and forward to these Headquarters, pursuant to Article VII, Sections 19 and 20, of the Rules and Regulations, the semi-annual returns and reports required to be made on July 1st of each year.

VIII. Comrade Frederick H. Cohen, Manhattan Camp No. 1, U. S. W. V., and Comrade F. S. Rice, of Guy V. Henry Camp No. 38, U. S. W. V., are hereby appointed Department Color Sergeants.

IX. Upon the invitation of the Chairman of the Memorial Committee of the Grand Army of the Republic of the City of New York for the Borough of Manhattan and the Bronx, the Department Commander of New York, U. S. W. V., and two Aides-de-Camp joined their reviewing party at the Hotel Regent, Broadway and 70th Street, on Decoration Day, and under escort of the Old Guard proceeded with the party to the reviewing stand on Riverside Drive, near 89th street New York, where they reviewed the parade, the Department Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic being directly on the left of the Department Commander of New York U. S. W. V. The Department Commander was pleased to note the large number of United Spanish War Veterans in uniform in line, far exceeding in numbers and excellence in appearance the display they made in the parade of last year.

These Headquarters have been advised that the Brooklyn Borough United Spanish War Veterans paraded over eight hundred strong on the same day, joining with the Grand Army of the Republic in their parade in that Borough; and that the Samuel M. Porter Camp No. 45, thirty-nine strong, paraded with the Grand Army of the Republic in Jamestown, N. Y. At assembly for the parade of this Camp, its Commander, on behalf of the Camp, presented to Past Commander Albert Gilbert a beautiful Past Commander's jewel for his long and faithful service to the Camp.

Upon invitation of the Commander of Defendamp Camp No. 36, the Department Commander, on June the 9th, attended a clam bake at Little Kills, Staten Island, and was most hospitably entertained. The comradeship existing in this Camp is such that it

commends itself to the Department Commander and is worthy of being followed by other Camps.

X. On the invitation of the Commander-in-Chief, the Department Commander accompanied him on his visit to the Department of New Jersey, U. S. W. V., which had been arranged to take place at Elizabeth, N. J., on the 17th day of June, 1907, in the afternoon. Nearly all of the Camps were represented at the dinner which was tendered the Commander-in-Chief and his staff, and in the evening an enthusiastic meeting was held in the City Hall, where the Commander-in-Chief was granted a hearty reception.

XI. Archibald S. Stafford, of the William R. Carmer Camp No. 8, U. S. W. V., having been tried by a court-martial ordered by the Commander of the William R. Carmer Camp No. 8, U. S. W. V., convened at Mount Vernon, N. Y., and found guilty of "Conduct unbecoming a soldier and a gentleman in his relations with the United Spanish War Veterans" [Article X, section 1 (d)], was sentenced to be dishonorably discharged from the United Spanish War Veterans, the sentence is hereby approved, and the said Archibald S. Stafford is hereby ordered dishonorably discharged from the United Spanish War Veterans, and the Commander of the William R. Carmer Camp No. 8, U. S. W. V., is hereby directed to strike his name from the rolls of the said Camp.

By order of

FRANK KECK,

Department Commander.

WM. J. S. DINEEN,

Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK.

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

29 Broadway, New York, *July 22, 1907.*

General Orders No. 13.

SERIES 1906-7.

I. A petition for the establishment of a Camp at Jamaica, Long Island, New York, has been received at these Headquarters and favorably acted upon by the Commander-in-Chief, and a charter granted to Captain George H. Tilly Camp No. 66, United Spanish War Veterans.

II. Department Inspector A. J. Kennedy is hereby detailed as Mustering Officer for the muster-in of the Captain George H. Tilly Camp No. 66, which will take place August 1, 1907, at 8.30 P. M. at the Town Hall in the town of Jamaica, New York.

III. The attention of the delegates is called to the fact that on purchasing their tickets for Elmira to ask for a certificate, and since these certificates are not kept at all stations, it may be necessary for some to inquire of the agent at the home station, where the same can be procured, purchasing a local ticket for such place, and there take up a certificate and through ticket.

IV. Headquarters call attention of the delegates from Camps located in the City of New York to the following resolution passed by the Board of Aldermen and approved by the mayor: "That all employees of the City of New York who are veterans of the Spanish War or the Philippine insurrection and are delegates to the Department Encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans, be granted leave of absence with pay for three days for the Department Encampment, viz.: September 5th, 6th and 7th, and five days for the National Encampment, viz.: September 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th."

V. The Department Inspector has advised these Headquarters that up to the present time he has received but one report from his Assistant Department Inspectors, although the order appointing the same required returns to be made on or before June 1, 1907 (G. O., No. 8, c. s. p. I.), it is important that returns be made at once so that the Department Inspector may make a full report to the coming annual Encampment.

VI. The Department Commander, upon the invitation of the Commander of the Admiral B. H. McCalla Camp No. 65, attended a meeting of that Camp on the evening of June 28th, and was accompanied by the Department Quartermaster. The meeting was largely attended, several Commanders and Past Commanders being present. After adjournment the Camp paraded with their colors to a near-by hotel, where their guests were most hospitably entertained. On the afternoon and evening of the 6th of July, 1907, the Department Commander attended the Annual Camp Fire and Games of the Brooklyn District Council at Ulmer Park, Brooklyn, which proved a great success, several thousand guests being present.

VII. These Headquarters have been advised by the Adjutant of Manhattan Camp No. 1, of the death of Comrade W. M. J. Hanz. Comrade Hanz was born in Wiesbaden, Germany, in the year 1875. He was mustered into the United States Army as corporal in Co. A, 12th N. Y. Vol. Inf'y, on May 2, 1898, and served as such during the Spanish War, and was mustered out with his regiment on the 12th day of April, 1899. He became a member of the Manhattan Camp No. 1, U. S. W. V., the 12th day of April, 1902, and never held any office therein. He died at St. Joseph's Hospital, New York City, of tuberculosis, on the 13th day of July, 1907, and his remains were interred in St. Michael's cemetery, Astoria, L. I., on the 15th day of July, 1907. The funeral service was the ritual of the United Spanish War Veterans, conducted by the officers and comrades of the Manhattan Camp, on the evening of July 14, 1907.

These Headquarters have been advised of the death of Comrade William J. Casey, of Wm. H. Hubbell Camp No. 4, which occurred on the 12th day of July, 1907, at the Post Graduate's Hospital, New York City. He served as color sergeant, 47th N. Y. Vol. Inf'y, from May 2, 1898, to March 3, 1899, when his regiment was mustered out. He was born in Ireland in the year 1870. He joined the William H. Hubbell Camp as a charter member. His funeral took place on July 14, 1907, from his residence, No. 132 West Ninety-sixth street New York, and his interment at Calvary cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y., the Camp attending in a body.

These Headquarters have been advised by the Adjutant of the Roosevelt Camp No. 10, U. S. W. V., of the death of Comrade

Rheinhardt Zorn, on the 22d day of July, 1907. Comrade Zorn was born on the 8th day of February, 1866, in Germany. He served as a private in Troop D, 2d U. S. Cavalry, from May 24, 1895, to November 8, 1897. He enlisted for the Spanish War on April 26, 1898, in Troop C, 1st Ill. Cav., U. S. V., and was mustered out of the service with his regiment on October 11, 1898, with rank of sergeant. He was mustered into the Roosevelt Camp No. 10, U. S. W. V., on the 6th day of September, 1902. His remains were interred on the 24th day of July, 1907, in Union Hill cemetery, New Jersey, with military honors, his Camp attending in a body.

These Headquarters have been advised by the Adjutant of the Griffin Engineer Camp No. 31, U. S. W. V., of the death of Louis C. Smith. He was born in the city of New York, 1862. He served as a private in Co. K, 1st Regt., U. S. Vol. Engineers, from the 25th day of July, 1898, to the 25th day of January, 1899, when he was mustered out of the service with his regiment. He was mustered into the Griffin Engineer Camp No. 31, on the 19th day of March, 1901, and served as its Officer of the Guard for the year 1906. He died in New York City on the 18th day of July, 1907, of paralysis. His remains were interred in the Lutheran cemetery.

These Headquarters have been advised by the Adjutant of the William H. Hubbell Camp No. 4, of the death of Comrade Charles G. Kennedy. He was born in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City of New York, in the year 1867. He served as a private in Co. E, 47th N. Y. Vol. Inf'y, from the 2d day of May, 1898, to the 31st day of March, 1899, when he was mustered out of service with his regiment. He was mustered into the William H. Hubbell Camp on the 8th day of December, 1905. His death occurred at St. Peter's Hospital, Brooklyn, New York City, on the 20th day of June, 1907, from consumption. The members of his Camp attended the funeral in a body and adopted and forwarded resolutions of condolence to his family.

By order, FRANK KECK,
WM. J. S. DINEEN, *Department Commander.*

Department Adjutant.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) WM. J. S. DINEEN,
Department Adjutant.

Report of the Department Quartermaster.

To the Department Commander, Officers and Delegates:

COMRADES.—I have the honor to submit herewith the following report for the period beginning August 7, 1906, to August 5, 1907, as provided for in article 6, section 8, of the Rules and Regulations of the United Spanish War Veterans:

RECEIPTS.

1906.		
Aug.	15.	From Past Department Quartermaster..... \$225 76
	18.	Wm. Cary Sanger Camp..... 1 38
Sept.	24.	Major J. K. Sague Camp..... 9 88
	29.	Thomas H. Barber Camp..... 5 62
Dec.	5.	Wallace F. Randolph Camp..... 6 12
1907.		
Jan.	4.	Samuel M. Porter Camp..... 7 50
	4.	Capt. A. K. Capron Camp..... 4 62
	4.	National per capita, Capron Camp..... 4 63
	10.	Admiral Sampson Camp..... 2 63
	11.	Defendam Camp 9 88
	17.	Naval Camp 5 50
	17.	Niagara Falls Camp..... 9 25
	19.	Col. Walter Scott Camp..... 5 88
	23.	H. W. Hubbell Camp..... 6 13
	26.	Admiral Schley Naval Camp..... 13 75
	26.	Hoosick Camp 3 75
	26.	Manhattan Camp 36 00
	28.	F. C. Warner Camp..... 4 13
	28.	W. H. Hubbell Camp..... 26 00
	28.	National per capita tax, Hubbell Camp..... 26 00
	28.	Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp..... 8 50
Feb.	1.	George D. Russell Camp..... 7 13
	6.	W. A. Wilson Camp..... 5 63
	7.	R. C. Anderson Camp..... 6 00
		Major L. B. Lawton Camp..... 6 38
	11.	Gloucester Naval Camp..... 13 63
		Capron Camp 5 25
	14.	Gen'l H. W. Lawton Camp..... 7 50
	18.	Medina Camp 3 25
		Griffin Engineers Camp..... 6 00
	22.	Gen'l Guy V. Henry Camp..... 10 37
	25.	Hugo E. Kruse Camp..... 2 25
	27.	E. M. Hoffman Camp..... 6 25
March	7.	Jos. S. Decker Camp..... 3 75
	11.	Major Frank Keck Camp..... 7 88
	14.	E. H. Liscum Camp..... 7 75
	16.	W. R. Carmer Camp..... 3 25

1906.		
March	18.	N. W. Crosby Camp..... \$6 75
		Gen'l Eugene Griffin Camp..... 7 38
	20.	H. J. Reilly Camp..... 6 80
		Old Guard Camp..... 19 37
		A. C. Weller Camp..... 4 75
	22.	O. R. Wheeler Camp..... 5 00
		Capt. F. R. Palmer Camp..... 11 63
		Admiral Phillip Camp 6 50
	27.	J. M. Jarvis Camp..... 11 00
	28.	Bucky O'Neil Camp..... 2 50
March	29.	Saratoga Camp 5 75
April	3.	Bruso Chauncey Camp..... 2 25
	10.	William McKinley Camp..... 11 00
		Wallace F. Randolph Camp..... 4 50
	17.	Major J. K. Sague Camp..... 10 85
	18.	Gustave Kolb Camp..... 1 88
		M. D. Russell Camp..... 9 88
		Baron Steuben Camp..... 1 75
	22.	Col. S. Y. Seyburn Camp..... 10 00
		W. S. Overton Camp 2 75
	23.	Maj.-Gen'l R. P. Hughes Camp..... 3 75
	26.	Emerson H. Liscum Camp..... 9 50
	27.	Theo. Roosevelt Camp..... 9 75
May	1.	14th Reg't Camp..... 9 63
	7.	L. W. Carlisle Camp..... 4 62
	10.	L. B. Smith Camp..... 37 75
	14.	Neptune Naval Camp..... 7 13
	27.	Bruso Chauncey Camp..... 2 00
	29.	Col. J. W. Vrooman Camp..... 3 75
June	1.	Hon. Stephen Sanford Camp..... 6 25
	1.	Wm. Cary Sanger Camp..... 1 38
	28.	Hoosick Camp 4 63
	29.	Thos. H. Barber Camp..... 5 62
		Admiral McCalla Camp..... 1 20
July	2.	George D. Russell Camp..... 8 50
	3.	Naval Camp 7 38
		F. C. Warner Camp..... 4 38
	6.	Niagara Falls Camp..... 9 37
	9.	Bucky O'Neil Camp..... 3 00
		Wm. Cary Sanger Camp..... 1 51
		Samuel M. Porter Camp..... 8 13
		Capt. A. K. Capron Camp..... 11 00
	12.	Admiral Schley Camp..... 11 88
		Col. Walter Scott Camp..... 6 25
	15.	H. J. Reilly Camp..... 4 88
		Emerson H. Liscum Camp..... 9 75
		E. M. Hoffman Camp..... 5 38
	17.	Col. S. Y. Seyburn Camp..... 9 63

1906.

July	18.	R. C. Anderson Camp.....	\$6 25
		Gloucester Naval Camp.....	12 75
		W. R. Carmer Camp.....	3 25
		L. W. Carlisle Camp.....	6 62
	19.	Serg't Hamilton Fish Camp.....	9 75
	20.	J. M. Jarvis Camp.....	11 13
		Saratoga Camp	6 25
		Griffin Engineers Camp.....	6 25
	23.	Major J. K. Sague Camp.....	12 00
	27.	Old Guard Camp.....	21 00
	29.	Capt. F. R. Palmer Camp.....	10 75
	29.	W. H. Hubbell Camp.....	27 62
		N. W. Crosby Camp.....	6 76
	30.	Warren A. Wilson Camp.....	5 63
	31.	Admiral McCalla Camp.....	2 50
		O. R. Wheeler Camp.....	5 00
		E. H. Liscum Camp.....	7 75
		Defendam Camp	10 88
		Wm. McKinley Camp	6 75
Aug.	3.	Gen'l R. P. Hughes Camp.....	5 50
Total money received.....			\$1, 059 86
Aug.	3.	Jos. Decker Camp.....	3 75
Grand total received.....			\$1, 063 61

DISBURSEMENTS.

Voucher No.	1.	C. A. Simmons, expenses to Albany.....	\$6 68
	2.	Henry Schilling, printing.....	2 50
	3.	E. H. Burton, typewriter, Albany, N. Y.....	1 50
	4.	W. J. S. Dineen, postage.....	5 53
	5.	Higgins & Higgins, printing.....	4 50
	6.	American Surety Co., bond for Quartermaster.	2 00
	7.	Higgins & Higgins, printing.....	10 00
	8.	Higgins & Higgins, printing.....	10 00
	9.	W. J. S. Dineen, postage.....	3 78
	10.	A. A. Watts Company, endorsement book.....	6 25
	11.	W. J. S. Dineen, postage.....	4 46
	12.	Adjutant-General, supplies for department...	4 09
	13.	Higgins & Higgins, printing.....	10 00
	14.	W. J. S. Dineen, postage.....	4 82
	15.	Higgins & Higgins, printing.....	111 00
	16.	W. J. S. Dineen, postage.....	5 36
	17.	Higgins & Higgins, printing.....	10 00
	18.	C. B. Merwin, printing.....	10 00
	19.	Adjutant-General, tax, Capron Camp.....	4 63
	20.	Adjutant-General, tax, W. H. Hubbell Camp..	26 00
	21.	Higgins & Higgins, printing.....	10 00

Voucher No. 22.	W. J. S. Dineen, postage.....	\$4 44
23.	C. B. Merwin, printing.....	2 50
24.	W. J. S. Dineen, postage.....	5 41
25.	Higgins & Higgins, printing.....	10 00
26.	W. J. S. Dineen, postage.....	6 48
27.	Adjutant-General, tax, Wm. McKinley Camp.	5 50
28.	Adjutant-General, tax, Crosby Camp.....	3 37
29.	Higgins & Higgins, printing.....	10 00
30.	Higgins & Higgins, printing.....	17 00
31.	Schneider Press, printing.....	5 75
32.	W. J. S. Dineen, postage.....	6 18
33.	Meaney Press, Printing.....	10 00
34.	W. J. S. Dineen, postage.....	4 84
35.	German-American Insurance Co., Dept. Colors.	2 00
36.	W. J. S. Dineen, postage.....	7 93
37.	Meaney Press, printing.....	10 00
38.	Adjutant-General, tax, Capron Camp.....	5 50
39.	Meaney Press, printing.....	10 00
40.	J. S. Adair, Dept. Quartermaster, postage....	8 40
41.	Meaney Press, printing.....	10 00
42.	Adjutant-General, tax, Crosby Camp.....	3 38
43.	W. J. S. Dineen, postage.....	8 73
44.	A. J. Kennedy, Dept. Inspector, expenses....	26 42

Total disbursements	\$336 93
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RECAPITULATION.

Total moneys received.....	\$1,063 61
Total disbursements	336 93

Balance on hand	\$726 68
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The following Camps have complied with General Order No. 6, dated December 23, 1906, levying a per capita tax of 12½ cents on each Comrade in good standing, and are therefore legally entitled to be represented at this Encampment by their legally elected Delegates, according to section 14, article 7, of the Rules and Regulations, which provides, that there shall be one delegate for every fifty Comrades or major fraction thereof:

No.	Camp.	Comrades.	Delegates.
1.	Manhattan	327	7
2.	Marcus D. Russell.....	79	2
3.	Thos. H. Barber.....	45	1
4.	Wm. H. Hubbell.....	221	4
5.	Gloucester Naval	102	2

No.	Camp.	Comrades.	Delegates.
6.	Hon. Stephen Sanford.....	50	1
7.	Niagara Falls	75	1
8.	W. R. Carmer.....	26	1
9.	Warren A. Wilson.....	45	1
10.	Theo. Roosevelt	78	2
11.	Gen. E. Griffin.....	59	1
12.	14th Regiment	77	2
13.	Col. S. Y. Seyburn.....	77	2
14.	E. H. Liscum.....	78	2
15.	Bucky O'Neil	24	1
16.	Admiral Schley	95	2
17.	Gen. R. P. Hughes.....	44	1
18.	Admiral Philip	52	1
19.	Old Guard	168	3
20.	Jos. S. Decker.....	30	1
21.	Gen. H. W. Lawton.....	60	1
22.	Capron	42	1
23.	J. M. Jarvis.....	89	2
24.	Henry W. Hubbell.....	49	1
25.	L. Boardman Smith.....	302	6
26.	Robert C. Anderson.....	50	1
27.	W. F. Randolph.....	36	1
28.	Frank R. Palmer.....	80	2
29.	W. S. Overton, Jr.....	22	1
30.	Neptune Naval	43	1
31.	Griffin Engineers	50	1
33.	E. H. Liscum.....	62	1
34.	H. J. Reilly.....	39	1
35.	Oscar R. Wheeler.....	40	1
36.	Defendam	87	2
37.	Norman W. Crosby.....	27	1
38.	Gen. Guy V. Henry.....	83	2
39.	Major L. B. Lawton.....	51	1
40.	E. M. Hoffman.....	43	1
41.	Bruso Chauncey	17	1
42.	Col. Walter Scott.....	50	1
43.	Geo. D. Russell.....	68	1
44.	Major J. K. Sague.....	96	2
45.	Samuel M. Porter.....	65	1
46.	Sergeant Hamilton Fish.....	78	2
47.	Baron Steuben	14	1
48.	Admiral Sampson	21	1
49.	Naval	59	1
50.	Medina	26	1
51.	Col. J. W. Vrooman.....	30	1
52.	Franklin C. Warner.....	35	1
53.	Major Frank Keck.....	62	1
56.	Louis W. Carlisle.....	53	1
57.	Wm. Cary Sanger.....	12	1

No.	Camp.	Comrades.	Delegates.
58.	Saratoga	50	1
60.	Capt. A. K. Capron.....	44	1
61.	Hugo E. Kruse.....	18	1
62.	Wm. McKinley	54	1
63.	Hoosick	37	1
64.	Gustave Kolb	15	1
65.	Admiral B. H. McCalla.....	40	1
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In submitting my report, I would call attention to the fact that the Past Department Quartermaster upon retiring from office reported six (6) Camps in arrears for per capita tax, last half of 1906. Five of these Camps have since remitted, leaving one (1) Camp still in arrears.

The levy of per capita tax for first six months of 1907 was responded to by sixty-one (61) Camps remitting, leaving four (4) Camps in arrears to date. Though no levy of per capita tax has been made by the present Department Commander for the last half of 1907, thirty-seven (37) Camps have paid on the basis of 12½ cents per capita per Comrade in good standing on the number of Comrades reported on the semi-annual return of June 30, 1907. During the year requisitions have been received from several Camps for supplies, which requisitions of course I could not fill, the supplies being furnished through National Headquarters. The old complaint of Camps not replying to communications is made. The Commanders of Camps should give their Adjutants and Quartermasters instructions in the manner of making reports, and see that they reply to letters sent them more promptly. By doing this they will make the offices of Department Adjutant and Department Quartermaster more pleasant than they are at this time.

In conclusion, I would request that an Auditing Committee be appointed to audit the books and vouchers herein presented.

Yours in F., P. and H.,

(Signed) JOHN S. ADAIR,

Department Quartermaster.

Regularly moved by Comrade S. J. Kopetsky and duly seconded, that report of the Department Quartermaster be referred to the Committee on State of the Organization. (Carried.)

Report of the Department Inspector.

Upon accepting the office of Department Inspector, I said that I would try to do the duty required of me. My work has been confined to New York City (Brooklyn, Queens, Bronx, Staten Island), Yonkers, Mount Vernon, New Rochelle and Poughkeepsie. All Camps located in these places I have given my personal attention. For Camps lying up State I have had to depend upon the Assistant Inspector, and like my predecessor I have found it a lot of trouble to get reports. In some cases I have had to get them from Camps directly. Correspondence by mail and telephone with Department Headquarters has been constantly carried on concerning matters pertaining to the welfare of the order. I have found a number of Camps which are using a number of systems of bookkeeping, some good and some poor. In cases where I found this existing, I recommended a system on the lines that Adjutant Dineen recommended at the last Encampment. A good many Camps, when asked why the proper books as prescribed by the organization were not used, gave the answer, "They come too high." In fact, the feeling in these Camps is that the supplies are at least 30 per cent. higher than the market price, and I regret very much to state that after careful examination I have come to the conclusion that they are entirely too high, and I would recommend that this matter of supplies be taken up and remedied. In my visits to Camps I find a good many have no time set for starting their meetings. I strongly advocated throughout my visits a set time, as I think this will help the organization a great deal. I find all Camps which I have visited are doing good work. The spirit of fraternity now existing amongst the members of this organization is marked. There are now located in the Department of New York, four (4) District Boards, and these branches are working with great success. The Camps located in places mentioned by me were found in excellent condition with the exception of the Joseph S. Decker Camp, of Staten Island, and David Wilson Camp, of the Bronx. Of these two (2) Camps I have failed to make an inspection. The Decker Camp, I learn from Junior Vice-Department Commander Oates, is trying to pick up, and I have every reason to believe it will become a good Camp. The Wilson Camp I can get no satisfaction from at all.

Tabulating my report briefly, I respectfully submit the following:

Number of visits to camps.....	72
Number of camps installed by me.....	1
Number of camps installed in Department.....	3
Number of letters written	346
Number of camps in department.....	66
Number of camps answering reports promptly.....	50
Number of camps not answering reports promptly.....	16
Number of members present at meetings of camps.....	68%
Number of officers present at meetings of camps.....	92%
Number of members in good standing in department.....	4,177
Number of members on books, about.....	6,000
Number of members received since last encampment.....	204
Number of members dropped since last encampment.....	
Percentage of camps uniformed.....	36%
Percentage of officers, ritual to memory.....	34%
Number of officers, ritual to memory, nearly.....	22
Number of officers, ritual to memory, partly.....	24
Number of officers, ritual to memory, not at all.....	20
Number of adjutants and quartermasters' books, kept.....	52
Number of adjutants and quartermasters' books, not kept.....	14
Number of quartermasters bonded	22
Number of quartermasters not bonded.....	44
Number of camps that observed Memorial Day.....	66
Number of camps having by-laws.....	19
Number of camps not having by-laws.....	36
Number of camps having seals	18
Number of camps not having seals	48
Number of camps having Ladies' Auxiliaries.....	19
Number of camps not having Ladies' Auxiliaries	47

Value of camp property, \$14,672.50.

Amount charged by camps as muster fees, from \$1 to \$6.

Amount charged by camps as annual dues, from \$3 to \$10.

Amount of relief fund dispensed during year, about \$3,000.

Amount on hand in camps' treasury, 123.10.

In conclusion, I desire to thank the Department Commander, Department Adjutant, and the Department Quartermaster and Comrades of the United Spanish War Veterans for the generous aid rendered, their constant, loyal and self-sacrificing work in assisting me to make my term as Department Inspector one of great pleasure and interest.

Very respectfully submitted,

(Signed) A. J. KENNEDY,

Department Inspector.

Regularly moved by Comrade Fetzner and duly seconded, that the report of the Department Inspector be referred to the Committee on State of the Organization. (Carried.)

The Department Commander announced the appointment of the following Comrades as members of the following committees:

State of the Organization.—S. J. Kopetsky, H. F. Marshall, E. C. Hollis, Julius Staal, Saul Caming.

Appeals and Grievances.—Jas. F. Court, E. C. Keithley, Emil Wohler, Leo T. Thelan, V. G. Hammond.

Rules and Regulations.—John P. Devane, John F. Carroll, Wm. F. Morgan, L. Walter Barker, Peter Bartnett.

Finances.—W. J. Cunningham, W. Malcom, C. S. Beilman, J. E. J. Clare, O. Hofstrand, H. P. Hamlin, P. McDermott.

Motion being duly made by Comrade Hamlin and regularly seconded, it was ordered that the Encampment do now adjourn until 2 P. M. this day.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Encampment called to order by the Department Commander at 2:20 P. M.

Roll call of Department Officers, Past Department Commanders and Past Camp Commanders.

Report of Committee on Credentials showed ten Department Officers, One Past Department Commander, Thirty-three Camp Commanders and Fourteen Past Camp Commanders present.

Regularly moved by Comrade Cunningham and being regularly seconded, it was ordered that Committee on Credentials be continued.

By COMRADE MARSHALL, of McKinley Camp No. 62:

Resolved, That it is the sense of William McKinley Camp No. 62, U. S. W. V., that the following amendment to Sec. 1 of Art. 3, of the Rules and Regulations of the United Spanish War Veterans, 1907, is in the best interests of the organization, and that the Delegates from this Camp to the National and the Department Encampment be instructed to further the proposed amendment.

ARTICLE III.

Membership.

Section I. Active Members.—All honorably discharged officers, soldiers, sailors and acting Assisting Surgeons and Contract Surgeons of the Regular and Volunteer Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Revenue-Cutter Service of the United States who honorably served during the War with Spain or in the incidental insurrection in the Philippines prior to July 4, 1902, and all officers, soldiers, and sailors of the Regular Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Revenue-Cutter Service of the United States, now on the active or retired lists of those respective branches of the Service, who served honorably during such war or insurrection, prior to said date are eligible to membership.

At a regular meeting of Wm. McKinley Camp No. 62, U. S. W. V., Department of New York, held July 15, 1907, the foregoing preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted and the duly elected Delegates to the Department and the National Encampments were instructed to introduce same and to secure its adoption if possible.

Official: (Signed) WILLIAM F. FOIST,
(Signed) WM. A. REARDON, *Commander.*
Acting Adjutant.

Regularly moved by Comrade Court that the foregoing preamble and resolution be referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations. (Carried.)

By COMRADE MARSHALL, of McKinley Camp No. 62:

WHEREAS, The staff accorded a Camp Commander is that of a regimental organization properly commanded by a Colonel, rather than that of a company, and, whereas in the Grand Army, with which the United Spanish War Veterans are often paraded, the Commander of a Post wears the eagle; and WHEREAS, The present rank-insignia of several officers, viz., Quartermaster, Adjutant, Officer of the Day and Officer of the Guard, are non-military, unbeautiful and not a cause of pride to the officers severally entitled to wear them; and

WHEREAS, We believe that the Commander of a Department should be entitled and accorded a rank higher than that of one who is merely an officer of the National Staff; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of William McKinley Camp No. 62, Department of New York, United Spanish War Veterans, do propose to the Department Encampment for its consideration an amendment to the National Rules and Regulations as follows:

INSIGNIA OF OFFICE.

The insignia of rank on the miniature rank-straps, as follows:

National Officers.

Commander-in-Chief	Four Silver Stars.
Sen. Vice-Commander-in-Chief.....	Three Silver Stars.
Jun. Vice-Commander-in-Chief.....	Two Silver Stars.
Official staff of the Commander-in-Chief (except Chaplain, Aids and assistants)	One Silver Star.
Chaplain	Silver Cross.
Aids and Assistants.....	Silver Leaf.
Members of the Council of Administration	Silver Eagle.

Department Officers.

Commander	Three Silver Stars.
Sen. Vice-Commander	Two Silver Stars.
Jun. Vice-Commander	One Silver Star.
Official Staff (except Chaplain)....	Silver Eagle.
Chaplain	Silver Cross.
Surgeon	Silver Eagle.

Members of the Council of Administration.

Silver Leaf.

Camp Officers.

Commander	Silver Eagle.
Sen. Vice-Commander	Silver Leaf.
Jun. Vice-Commander	Gold Leaf.
Adjutant	Blank field with insignia of Adjutant-General's Department.
Quartermaster	Blank field with insignia of the Quartermaster-General's Department.
Officer of the Day.....	Two bars.
Officer of the Guard.....	One bar.
Surgeon	One bar with caduceus between.
Chaplain	Silver Cross.

Sergeant-Major, Quartermaster-Sergeant, Color Sergeant, the usual chevron of the office.

Past Officers at the date of passage of this article as amended shall be entitled to wear straps with insignia as prescribed herein.

Official Copy. Passed by unanimous consent of the Comrades present at a regular meeting of the William McKinley Camp No. 62, U. S. W. V.

(Signed) WILLIAM F. FOIST,
Commander.

Regularly moved by Comrade C. P. Hamilton, and duly seconded, that the foregoing resolution be referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations. (Carried.)

By COMRADE MAURICE SIMMONS:

Resolved, That the Encampment adopt for its Legislative programme the following:

1. Union on a single measure for introduction at the approaching session of the New York State Legislature.

2. Subscription by Department Headquarters to the daily report of all bills introduced in said Legislature.

3. A request by this Encampment to the Palmer Camp, of Albany, to designate a Comrade, whose duty it shall be to watch and report to Headquarters each step taken in committee and elsewhere, with reference to said measure.

4. The indexing by Headquarters of Camps with reference to Assembly and Senatorial districts' location, together with the indexing by each Camp of its Comrades according to election districts; the filing of duplicates of this latter list with Borough Councils in territory affected and with Departmental Headquarters; the sending by a committee in each Assembly and Senatorial district, under guidance of the local Camp Commander with the aid and the superintendence of Department Headquarters, of a circular reciting the provisions of the measure agreed upon, to the legislative nominees of all parties prior to the election of November, 1907, requesting a reply whether or not they are in favor of the measure; the transmission of all such replies of the candidates to Department Headquarters; the issuance of a general order by the latter, giving a list of the legislative nominees in each district with their attitudes toward the measure; action by each Camp on such circular; the holding of each Camp Commander responsible for the work done in his locality:

5. After the introduction of the measure in the Legislature, the circularization by individual letters from the Comrades in each legislative district of the local legislative representative, in support of the measure; meetings to be called of all the Comrades in each district, to arrange details of sending letters and telegrams.

6. The use of Departmental funds if necessary by the Departmental Commander to bring delegations to State Capitol to Committee hearing on such measure.

Upon motion duly made by Comrade Court and the same being regularly seconded, it was resolved that the foregoing be referred to the Committee on the State of the organization. (Carried.)

By COMMANDER SAUL CAMING of Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp, No. 46:

Resolved, That it be the sense of this Encampment, that the Delegates of the Department of New York to the National Encampment be instructed to urge the passage of the law through Congress, re-establishing the canteen. This measure is known as House bill No. 5304.

Upon motion duly made by Comrade D. J. Murphy and the same being regularly seconded, it was resolved, that the foregoing be referred to the Committee on State of the Organization. (Carried.)

By COMMANDER PAUL V. VANDERVELDE, of Hugo E. Kruse Camp No. 61:

At a regular meeting of the above-named Camp held at Corona, Long Island, January 14, 1907, it was regularly moved and seconded that the following be presented by our Delegate to the Department Encampment, to be held at Elmira, N. Y., August 5, 6 and 7, 1907.

WHEREAS, All those who participated in the late war with Spain and in so doing, left families, positions and future knowing not whether they would return — hazarding all for patriotism, are deserving of the country's gratitude; And we think it just that all those who so responded to our country's call to arms in the hour of her need, should receive to some extent the consideration meted out to veterans of the Civil War in regard to

preference in standing on Civil Service lists; be it *Resolved*, That we, the joint board of the Borough of Queens, United Spanish War Veterans, representing the Camps of this Borough, ask the cordial co-operation of the other District Boards in the greater City of New York, and throughout the State, in having a measure passed at this session of the Legislature, to give all veterans of the above war, *preference* and *precedence* (after Civil War Veterans) on all Civil Service lists promulgated, for promotion in, or entrance into the public service. The provisions of this act are to apply to all veterans of the Spanish War, who may be on any existing Civil Service list of any City or Town of this State at the time of the passage of this Act; and be it further *Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to all the joint city boards of the Greater City, and to the Judge-Advocate of the United Spanish War Veterans; and be it further *Resolved*, That all honorable means and efforts be put forth to consummate the passage of this Resolution.

Regularly moved by Comrade Wohler of Liscum Camp, No. 14, and the same being duly seconded, it was resolved that the foregoing be referred to the committee on the State of the organization. (Carried.)

By COMMANDER SAUL CAMING, of Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46:

Resolved, That it be the sense of this Encampment, that the Delegates of the Department of New York to the National Encampment, be instructed to urge the passage of bill (Senate No. 9742) into law, retiring men after twenty-five years service or three-fourths pay, \$9.50 for clothing and rations and \$6.25 for quarters and light.

Regularly moved by Comrade Court, that the foregoing be referred to the committee on State of the organization. (Carried.)

By COMRADE COOKE of Guy V. Henry Camp, No. 38:

WHEREAS, The organization in the State, through Acts of the Legislature discriminates against Veterans of the War with Spain who served in the Regular Army, Navy and Marine Corps during the Spanish American War, thereby depriving them of privileges conferred by such Acts on Veterans who served in the Volunteer

Army and Navy: Be it *Resolved*, That this Encampment do hereby pledge itself to future legislation giving equal rights to all honorably discharged Veterans who served within the dates of April 21, 1898, and July 4, 1902.

Comrade Court moved and the same was regularly seconded, that the foregoing be referred to the committee on the State of the organization. (Carried.)

By COMRADE SAMUEL J. KOPETSKY, of James M. Jarvis Camp,
No. 23:

WHEREAS, The U. S. W. V. Bulletin, a weekly exclusively devoted to the United Spanish War Veterans and regularly published at New York City since May 30, 1907, by Comrade Leo T. Schlesinger, of James M. Jarvis Camp, No. 23, has in appearance and by its editorial management given general satisfaction, and,

WHEREAS, The U. S. W. V. Bulletin deserves the liberal support of our organization so as to assure its permanency and to increase its efficiency and,

WHEREAS, The U. S. W. V. Bulletin has published in its issue dated August 1, 1907, Special Orders and rates to U. S. W. V. and offers to insert Official Minutes, Orders, Announcements or advertisements of Camps at 2½ cents per agate line equivalent to forty letters to the line; and to insert Encampment or Camp Cards at \$1.00 a line per year; and

WHEREAS, The U. S. W. V. Bulletin further offers, as long as the present National Rules of printing official orders in slips are in force, to furnish Department Headquarters of New York free of charge with 1,500 slips, 5½ by 8½, of all general orders and circulars issued by it and ordered inserted in the Bulletin; therefore be it,

Resolved, By the Department Encampment of New York United Spanish War Veterans, in encampment assembled, that the U. S. W. V. Bulletin be and hereby is designated as the official organ of the Department of New York United Spanish War Veterans, and be it further

Resolved, That the minutes of this Encampment and the orders and circulars to be issued by the Department Commander of the

Department of New York U. S. W. V., excepting such parts of the minutes and such orders which are of a secret nature, shall be published in the U. S. W. V. Bulletin at the rates as stated if the Department Commander deems it advisable, the Department card, embodying the addresses of Department Headquarters and all Department Officers be and hereby is ordered advertised for the ensuing year in the U. S. W. V. Bulletin, and be it further,

Resolved, That the New York Delegates to the next National Encampment be and are hereby instructed to ask the United Spanish War Veterans in encampment assembled, to designate the U. S. W. V. Bulletin as the National official organ of our organization.

It was regularly moved by Comrade Hamlin, that the foregoing be referred to the Committee on the State of the Organization. (Carried.)

By COMRADE DEVANE of General Guy V. Henry Camp No. 38:

Resolved, That this Encampment of the U. S. W. V. recommend that a committee be appointed by the National Encampment to examine into the financial condition of the organization and report thereon at the National Encampment of 1908.

Comrade D. J. Murphy moved, and same was duly seconded, that the foregoing be referred to the Committee on the State of the Organization. (Carried.)

By COMRADE COOKE of General Guy V. Henry Camp No. 38:

Resolved, That the U. S. W. V. in Department Encampment assembled, indorse the movement now being made by the "Star Spangled Banner Association of America" to restore the national anthem to its original form, compel its use in the public schools of the State as originally written and punish by suitable laws those who would alter or emasculate it.

Comrade Cooke of General Guy V. Henry Camp moved that the foregoing be referred to the Committee on the State of the Organization. (Carried.)

By COMRADE F. C. KUEHNLE of Theodore Roosevelt Camp No. 10:

WHEREAS, At a regular meeting of the Theodore Roosevelt Camp No. 10, it was unanimously voted that the delegate from this Camp to the Department Encampment present for consideration by that body and endeavor to secure favorable action thereon, the following bill:

A BILL

To grant War Veterans preference in civil service appointments.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled:

That, next in order to Civil War Veterans, preference be given in civil service appointments to honorably discharged soldiers, sailors, and marines who participated in the war with Spain, the Philippines insurrection and the China Relief expedition.

Provided, that said soldiers, sailors, and marines shall attain a general average of 70 per cent. in competitive entrance and promotion examinations.

Comrade C. P. Hamilton moved, and the same being duly seconded, that the foregoing be referred to the Committee on the State of the Organization. (Carried.)

Comrade F. C. Kuehnle of Theodore Roosevelt Camp No. 10 offered the following resolution for consideration:

WHEREAS, During the last session of the Legislature of the State of New York all bills pertaining to the interest of the Spanish War Veterans of this State, introduced in said Legislature, have in every case been opposed by the Civil Service Reform Association as class legislation, therefore be it

Resolved, That the United Spanish War Veterans protest to the said Civil Service Reform Association, that they do not consider bills in behalf of the Spanish War Veterans and the Civil War Veterans as class legislation, but rather as an honorable discharge of a debt on behalf to these Veterans of the State of New York.

Comrade Beilman moved that the foregoing be referred to the Committee on the State of the Organization. Being duly seconded, it was so ordered, and

Upon motion duly made by Comrade D. J. Murphy, and the same being duly and regularly seconded, it was

Resolved, That we do now adjourn until to-morrow morning, then to continue until all business of the Encampment is finished.

Motion carried.

MORNING SESSION, AUGUST 6,

Encampment called to order by Department Commander Frank Keck at 9:40 A. M., August 6, 1907.

Invocation by the Department Chaplain, W. H. I. Reaney.

Roll call of Department and Camp officers prevailed:

COMRADE MARSHALL:

I would like to inquire how many members of this Encampment are present who are entitled legally to a vote in this Encampment, and I ask for this reason: Yesterday, as I understand, there were present, both Alternates and Delegates who exercised the right of voting, when but one of them was entitled to such privilege.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER KECK:

The Adjutant informs me that he cannot give me the exact number, but hereafter, so that we can know how the votes go, how the various matters are decided on all important questions, I shall request that roll-call by Camps be made and each Delegate or Alternate-Delegate be requested to vote. This will simplify matters and will satisfy everybody and we won't have any trouble. I regret very much that the proper list of Delegates has not been rendered or prepared by the Committee on Credentials. It should be in such shape, so that we could call the roll one after another and not in the manner in which it is now called.

Report of Finance Committee.

Comrade William J. Cunningham of M. D. Russell Camp No. 2 of Troy offered the report of the Finance Committee, which was as follows:

To the Officers of the Department Encampment, Department of New York, U. S. W. V.:

GENTLEMEN.—The Finance Committee, appointed by the Department Commander, respectfully report that they have examined

the books and vouchers of the Department Quartermaster for the year ending August 5, 1907, and find them correct.

Total amount of receipts for the year..... \$1,063 61

Total amount of expenditures..... 336 93

Balance on hand..... \$726 68

(Signed) WILLIAM J. CUNNINGHAM,

(Signed) CHARLES O. DAVIS,

(Signed) C. S. BEILMAN,

Committee.

Moved by Comrade Frank D. Lakestream of Theodore Roosevelt Camp No. 10 that the report of the Finance Committee be received and placed on file.

Motion prevailed and was unanimously adopted.

Report of Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances being called upon for a report, reported as follows: "We have no report to make at this time, Commander."

Report of Committee on State of Organization.

The report of the Committee on the State of the Organization being called for, the Chairman, Comrade Samuel J. Kopetzky of J. M. Jarvis Camp No. 23 of New York City, offered the following:

1. Your Committee on the State of the Organization having met and carefully read the reports of the officers and the resolutions submitted to it for action, begs to report. We congratulate the Department Commander for the able and efficient administration which his report demonstrates.

2. We congratulate the Encampment on the growth which the organization has attained and the success attending the Department Commander's efforts in promoting harmony and brotherly love.

3. We heartily indorse his ideas that it is better to have fewer new Camps formed and have these in a flourishing condition than to create many new Camps which are weak in numbers and membership.

4. Inasmuch as it has been brought to our attention that the Hon. James R. Howe, a public-spirited citizen, has presented the Department with a stand of colors, we, your committee, recommend, in accordance with the suggestion of the Department Commander, that a committee be appointed to draw up a set of resolutions, have them properly engrossed and transmitted to the Hon. James R. Howe, expressing the thanks and the appreciation of this Encampment to him for his generous donation.

Moved by Comrade Marshall of McKinley Camp No. 62 of Brooklyn and duly seconded, that a committee of three be appointed to draft and have properly engrossed a set of resolutions to be presented to Hon. James R. Howe, expressing our thanks for gift of colors, and that the committee have full power to act. (Carried.)

Moved by Comrade Caming of Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46 of New York City, motion duly seconded, that the resolution be adopted.

5. We recommend that a Committee on Budget be hereafter established. This committee to consist of the Department Commander, the Department Quartermaster, the Department Adjutant and two designated members of the Council of Administration. This Committee on Budget to convene at some suitable place prior to the Department Encampment and estimate the expenses of the ensuing year, taking into account such items as stationery, printing, postage and such other expense as the Department Encampment may designate to them, including salaries. That this Committee on Budget, having estimated the expenses, recommend at each Encampment the amount of the per capita tax to be levied in the ensuing year. The recommendations of this committee as to the per capita tax being adopted, it shall be the Department per capita tax for the year following the Encampment.

By COMRADE MARSHALL of Wm. McKinley Camp No. 62 of Brooklyn:

I wish to make some explanation on behalf of the committee. Now in regard to the membership of that committee it was deemed advisable by your committee to name in that,

those who because of their office would be members of the ensuing Encampment. There was raised the point that two members of that committee, namely, the Quartermaster and Adjutant, might be considered interested parties inasmuch as it has been the custom that there be some compensation; that will be obviated by the fact that there be set aside a sum for these offices and make that a permanent assignment. (Motion carried.)

Moved by Comrade Marshall of McKinley Camp No. 62 of Brooklyn, duly seconded, that whenever any portion of the report of the Committee on State of the Organization **calls for action** by this Encampment, that the same be done at the time when that part of the report is read. (Motion carried unanimously.)

6. In view of the recommendation that the Department Adjutant and the Department Quartermaster be given suitable compensation for services admirably rendered and cheerfully performed, we, your committee, having considered the matter, recommend that the sum of \$75 be paid to each of them as remuneration for past services. In making this recommendation it is the opinion of the committee that a salary of \$50 for the Department Adjutant and a similar sum for the Department Quartermaster be and is hereby established for a remuneration for these officers.

COMRADE JOHN T. RYAN of Hughes Camp No. 17 of Buffalo:

I want to know what these officers received during the last administration, and I believe we should do the same as last year, and I move as an amendment to the report that the compensation be placed at the same figure as last year.

Committee accepted the amendment. Motion seconded and carried.

7. We agree with the Department Commander in regretting the lack of success attending legislative efforts during the past year, but hope that with the adoption of a plan embodied in a resolution, which we will later submit, that better success meet our efforts in the future. The committee has had presented to it quite a number

of resolutions referring to various legislative measures. These we will take up in their proper order.

8. Considering the importance to this organization of legislation, we, your committee, recommend the establishment of a standing committee on legislation. This committee to consist of five members. All resolutions bearing on legislation shall be referred to this committee. The committee shall have the power to draft and submit such measures to the Department Encampment which it may deem expedient, besides reporting on the resolutions regarding legislation that may be referred to it. Your committee feels that the subject of legislation should receive special attention, and we think that the establishment of such a permanent committee will materially aid in the study of the subject.

Moved by Comrade Kopetsky, duly seconded, that this section of the report be adopted. (Carried.)

9. Your committee cannot find words to properly deprecate and condemn the use of the public newspapers in airing private grievances. The matter having been brought to our attention in the Department Commander's report, we hereby recommend, that it be the sense of this Encampment that no member under any circumstances, give to the public press the details of Camp or organization squabbles. Such action not only tends to embitter the disputants, but brings the order as a whole into disrepute, and when such publication can be brought home to any Comrade, we recommend that action should be taken toward punishing the guilty party.

Moved by Comrade Arthur J. Schneidenbach, duly seconded, that this section of the report be adopted. (Carried.)

10. Regarding the establishment of a Relief Fund, we recommend the adoption of the suggestion of the Department Commander, that such a Fund be established.

11. That the fund be made up of such sums of money as may from time to time be paid into it by voluntary subscriptions of Comrades of the organization, and a certain percentage of the net balance in the Treasury to be voted by each successive encampment upon the recommendation of the Budget committee. This

fund shall be administered by a Board of Trustees numbering five (5) to hold office respectively for the terms of one, two three, four and five years. This board to be elected at this encampment. A majority of whom, shall be residents of the city of Greater New York. Hereafter, at each successive encampment, one of the said Trustees shall be elected for the term of five (5) years. The money contributed by Comrades shall be paid directly to this Board of Trustees, and the money allowed each year toward this fund by the "Budget" committee, shall be paid over to this Board of Trustees by the Department Commander's order upon the Department Quartermaster. The fund is to be deposited in some bank to be drawn upon only by check, signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the President of the Board of Trustees, who shall issue check only upon a majority vote of the Board of Trustees. For the purpose of administering this fund the Board of Trustees shall elect one of their number President, and the other Secretary-Treasurer, who shall keep a record of all their proceedings and shall report same at each encampment.

12. While the state of the order, as a whole, is excellent, your committee looking into the report of the Department Inspector, finds that the David Wilson Camp in the Borough of the Bronx, in the city of New York and the Francis V. Greene Camp, No. 54, located at Tonawanda, N. Y., are not doing good work. Regarding these Camps, your committee recommends that it be the sense of this encampment that the Commander-in-Chief be notified of their moribund condition, and that he be requested to take action toward the revocation of their charters, if, in his judgment, their condition is absolutely hopeless. Regarding these Camps, your committee feels that once assured that they cannot be revived, it is better that the Comrades on their rolls who are inclined to become active, be assigned to other Camps in their locality, so that they may not become discouraged and lose faith in the organization because of the condition of the Camps to which they happen to belong, at this moment. (Carried.)

13. Finally, we find the organization in a healthy, prosperous condition. We find the officers as having been true and faithful

to their trust. We find that the rigid economy and competent supervision exercised over expenditures, has resulted in leaving a balance on hand as per the Quartermaster's report, of \$726.65, and if we deduct the amount of money necessary for the running of this Encampment, we think that in view of the fact that there is no "Budget" committee appointed for this Encampment, that we start the Relief Fund in accordance with the lines outlined above, by directing the Department Quartermaster to pay out the sum of \$250, we holding it to be unnecessary to carry a large balance in the Department Treasury when the new administration under the rules and regulations has the right to levy the per capita tax. (Carried.)

14. We particularly wish to commend the Department Quartermaster, for his efficient work in the Department. Regarding the work of the Department Adjutant, we commend his faithful work, and in line with the need of a system for recording correspondence. Your committee recommends, that the Journal and Endorsement system be abandoned as cumbersome, lacking in utility and convenience and obsolete. In its place we recommend that the Department Adjutant, keep a card index and endorsement system similar to that now in use in all permanent Government offices. We further recommend that the Department Headquarters draw up and adopt, and see that the Camps adopt such form or forms of reports as are needed, and endeavor to make such forms common in all Camps. (Carried.)

15. Regarding the Department Inspector; your committee commends him as an honest, faithful and observing Inspector. In reference to his observation, that the supplies furnished to Camps costs too much, we recommend that it be the sense of this Encampment that the matter be taken up, investigated and remedied by the next National Encampment, and that the Delegates from the Department of New York see to it that this recommendation be carried out. (Carried.)

16. Regarding the resolution submitted to your Committee, we report as follows: Resolution submitted by Comrade Fetzer regarding the establishment of The U. S. W. V. Bulletin as the

official organ of the Department of New York, we report the resolution amended as follows:

That it be the sense of this Encampment that "The U. S. W. V. Bulletin is hereby established as the *official organ* of the Department of New York; that the official General Orders of the Department Headquarters be printed by the U. S. W. V. Bulletin in the same form as heretofore; that the official minutes of this Encampment be printed by the U. S. W. V. Bulletin; that the minutes and official orders after printing, be distributed to the Camps as has heretofore been customary; that such portions of these orders and minutes as the Department Headquarters deems proper, be printed in the U. S. W. V. Bulletin, also that for the printing of both orders and official minutes of this Encampment, the management of the U. S. W. V. Bulletin be paid a sum, not to exceed that now paid for the official printing of general orders; that the news items (official news) be inserted gratis in the Bulletin.

Your committee feels that the establishment of a U. S. W. V. organ is a necessity, and that the enterprise deserves support and recommends the above as a method whereby the official printing and the practical endorsement of this paper, is made at no greater expense than the cost or amount heretofore spent for printing. (Carried.)

Regarding the resolution submitted by Comrade Maurice Simons of Old Guard Camp, your committee reports as follows: That we heartily endorse and recommend the idea contained in the submitted resolution. The committee has, however, modified the resolution in form as follows:

(a) We recommend that this Encampment definitely adopt some legislative measure and concentrate all its efforts to secure the introduction and eventual passage of the legislative measure thus selected, at the next session of the Legislature.

(b) At the discretion of the Department Commander, in emergencies, additional legislative measures may be introduced and the passage of such legislation advocated.

(c) So as to better control and watch the action of the Legislature, and to further the advancement toward final enactment into law of the selected legislation, the Department Commander

shall designate a Comrade resident in Albany, to watch and report on the progress of measures supported by this organization, the designated Comrade to receive compensation for his services from the Department funds, of a sum not to exceed \$10 per month during the session.

(d) The better to keep record of the action of the Legislature, the Department Headquarters shall subscribe for the daily report of all bills introduced.

(e) That Department Headquarters shall formulate and carry out a plan through the various Camp Commanders, relating to the foregoing, and so plan as to obtain information of value to the organization, particularly regarding the attitude of members of the Legislature toward measures favored by the United Spanish War Veterans.

(f) That the individual Comrades send individual letters or circulars prepared either by Camps, Borough Councils or Department Headquarters, to their legislative representatives, to help the enactment of designated legislative bills.

Your committee feels that the details of the above scheme to favorably influence the State Legislature, can be left to the Department Headquarters and holds that the adoption of such a scheme will tend to secure better results from the Legislature than have heretofore marked our endeavors. (Carried.)

Your committee recommends that efforts be made, in accordance with the above plan, to secure for the U. S. W. V., all privileges now enjoyed by the G. A. R. in the Civil Service, said U. S. W. V. ranking immediately after and following the Veterans of the Civil War. This action as recommended, is the amended resolution of the Borough Council of Queens. (Carried.)

Your committee reports on the resolution of Comrade F. C. Kuehnle, regarding the Civil Service Reform Association, as follows:

We recommend, in view of the known attitude of the Civil Service Reform Association, that members of the U. S. W. V. join the Civil Service Reform Association, as individuals, and when in the enjoyment of membership in the Civil Service Reform Association, so act that the position of the U. S. W. V. be better un-

derstood and that a changed official action of the Reform Association may result. Your committee feels that only in this way can this obstacle to our progress toward preferential legislation be removed. (Carried.)

Your committee does not approve the resolution presented by "Roosevelt" Camp No. 10? to grant Veterans preference in Civil Service appointments in United States Government, for the reason that the United States Civil Service, only grants preference to those having disability discharges. It is inapplicable and impracticable.

Regarding the resolution presented by Comrade Cooke in reference to the discrimination against those who served in the Regular Army, your committee recommends, that we pledge this Encampment to further legislation to rectify this condition, but we do not feel that this measure should be pushed to the detriment of the specially selected measure upon which we are to concentrate, as outlined above. (Carried.)

Regarding Senate bill, No. 9,742, in reference to the retirement of enlisted men after twenty-eight years' service, with three-fourths pay, etc., we heartily urge its endorsement. (Carried.)

As to House bill, No. 5,304, to re-establish the "Canteen" we also urge its endorsement. (Carried.)

Regarding the resolution presented by Comrade Devane, referring to the appointment of a committee to be appointed at the National Encampment to investigate the financial condition of the organization, we recommend that the encampment take no action thereon. If such matters are to be brought up at the National Encampment, we believe that the matter should arise in that body, besides, no evidence was presented to the committee to justify a favorable report on the resolution.

In conclusion, we recommend that a vote of thanks be extended to all Department Officers for their efficient services. (Carried.)

Moved by Comrade Caming, duly seconded, that this section (Relief Fund) of the report be adopted.

Comrade Marshall moved as an amendment, that the board of trustees shall report to each Department Encampment. Motion carried as amended.

Moved by Comrade Cooke, duly seconded, that this section of the report be adopted. (Carried.)

Moved by Comrade Stahl, duly seconded, that this resolution (250 dollars) be adopted. (Carried.)

Moved by Comrade Marshall, duly seconded, that the portion of the committees report in regard to card system be adopted. (Carried.)

Moved by Comrade Caming, duly seconded, that this section (supplies) be adopted. (Carried.)

Moved by Comrade Fetzer, that that part of the report be adopted.

By COMRADE MARSHALL:

I am informed that the editor of the Bulletin will print any official notes from Department Headquarters whether that is inserted in this particular resolution or not, and therefore I will move as a committee amendment by striking out from this paragraph everything after the words "U. S. W. V. publication," leaving it to read,—for the information of the Comrades—"That such portion of General Orders as Department Headquarters thinks proper to be printed in The U. S. W. V. Bulletin."

By COMRADE RYAN:

As I understand the report, this is simply a direction to the incoming Commander to make this contract with the Bulletin if he can get it done at the same price the printing has been done before.

Moved by Comrade Marshall, duly seconded, that the report (Legislation) be adopted. (Carried.)

Moved by Comrade Caming, duly seconded, that that part of the report (Privileges same as G. A. R.) be adopted. (Carried.)

Moved by Comrade Kuehnle, duly seconded, that the portion of the resolution (Legislation) be adopted. (Carried.)

By COMRADE RYAN:

Before that motion is placed, I want to read this. Under Article 9, Section 5, we have the following provision—(reads section.) Under that section, I think the resolution voting \$250 of

this Department Encampment's money into the hands of this Committee for relief purposes is contrary to the Rules and Regulations and before adopting the report of the committee as a whole, I raise that point of order against the adoption.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I think that it is not contrary to the rules and regulations.

By COMRADE COOKE:

I raise a point of order that I introduced resolutions here yesterday that have not been acted upon by the Committee.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

So far as this report is concerned we will adopt the report as it is, and we will ask for a further report on the resolutions you have submitted. You aren't discharging the committee yet.

Comrade Marshall moves the adoption of the report of the committee as a whole. (Carried.)

By COMRADE DEVANE:

Resolution presented by the William McKinley Camp, No. 62, regarding the insignia of rank.

Discussed by Comrades Grant, Marshall and Weil.

Comrade Marshall called the attention of the Encampment to Article 3 of the Rules and Regulations, and moved to amend the committee's resolution in regard to Assistant Surgeons.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The report is that it shall be adopted, striking out the words "Contract Surgeon" and also the word "in," and inserting the word "Honorable."

Discussed by Comrades Marshall, Murphy, Grant, Spolders and Zimmerman. (Motion Carried.)

Amendment to report, discussed by Comrades Lawless, Carney, Ely, Marshall, Reaney and Field.

Moved by Comrade Davis, duly seconded, that this resolution be referred back to the committee. (Carried.)

Moved by Comrade Lakestream, duly seconded, that we now adjourn until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

Moved by Comrade Cooke as an amendment, that this session adjourn to eight o'clock to-night to proceed with the business.

Discussed by Comrade Marshall and others.

Motion to adjourn to eight o'clock to-night, lost.

Original motion that this session adjourn to nine o'clock to-morrow morning, carried.

Session adjourned to August 7, 9 A. M.

MORNING SESSION, AUGUST 7.

Department Commander Keck called the Encampment to order at 9.15 A. M.

Chaplain Reaney invoked Divine blessing.

Roll called by Adjutant.

Committee on Credentials, makes final printed report.

Moved and seconded that the report be accepted. (Carried.)

Comrade Court, Chairman of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, says there was nothing reported to him for his committee to act upon and there is no report to render.

Comrade Marshall of Committee on State of the Organization, makes further report, and moves the adoption of the first resolution, disapproving of the form, but recommending its general adoption.

Moved by Comrade Lakestream, duly seconded, that the report be adopted. (Carried.)

Moved by Comrade Caming, duly seconded, that the resolution (National Anthem) be adopted. (Carried.)

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Comrade Devane made report of Committee on Rules and Regulations, as follows:

To the Department Commander and Comrades: We the committee on Rules and Regulations, respectfully submit the following as our report: Upon the resolution offered, affecting the insignia of office (Art 14, Rules and Regulations) of our Officers, we report favorably, as we find upon due deliberation and substantial precedents, that it would be well in keeping with relative offices in the Armies of our Country.

The other two resolutions, one of which would change the reading of Art. 3, Sec. I, of the Rules and Regulations, the other calling for an interpretation of its reading, we would ask your indulgence upon, as we find that this is a very complex question to come to a decision upon. It is one upon which even the highest of our National Officers differ in their definitions and we, a committee of four, do not feel competent to pass thereon.

Therefore we recommend that these resolutions be favorably acted upon here in this Encampment: that they may be offered to a committee at the coming National Encampment.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That Sec. 1, of Art. 3, be construed and interpreted so that all soldiers and sailors who served honorably in the Army or Navy of the United States after the War of the United States with Spain, and prior to July 4, 1902, be, and they are hereby, regarded and treated as eligible to membership in the U. S. W. V.

(Signed) JOHN P. DEVANE, Chairman.

WM. F. MORGAN,

JOHN F. CARROLL,

PETER E. BARTNETT.

Moved by Comrade Morgan, duly seconded, that the report be adopted. (Carried.)

Report of Committee on Prizes.

Comrade Court of committee on awarding prize to Camp securing the largest number of new recruits during the past year reported as follows:

Your committee on awarding the prize to the Camp receiving the greatest number of members during the year beginning June 30, 1906, and ending June 30, 1907, report that they have found that William McKinley Camp, No. 62, as being entitled to the prize by virtue of its having gained a percentage of one hundred and forty-five and five elevenths per cent. of new members, that being the highest percentage of new members obtained by any Camp in the Department of New York. Kruse Camp was a very close second.

(Signed) JAMES F. COURT,

WILLIAM J. CUNNINGHAM.

Comrade Lakestream moved the adoption of the committee's report. Motion duly seconded. (Carried.)

Comrades Howard and Marshall talked upon the subject.

Three cheers proposed and given for Brooklyn.

Moved by Comrade Maurice Simmons, duly seconded, that this Encampment give honorable mention to Hugo E. Kruse Camp of Corona, for their increase in membership during the past year. (Carried.)

By COMRADE MARSHALL:

I propose three cheers for Corona. (Given.)

Major Keck then called for the report of the committee on Finance, viz.: Wm. J. Cunningham, Chas. O. Davis, and C. S. Beilman, who reported as follows:

Report of the Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee appointed by the Department Commander, respectfully report that they have examined the books and vouchers of the Department Quartermaster for the year ending August 5, 1907, and find them correct.

Total amount of receipts.....\$1063.61

Total amount of expenditures..... 336.93

Balance on hand.....\$726.68

Respectfully submitted:

(Signed) WM. J. CUNNINGHAM,
CHARLES O. DAVIS,
C. S. BEILMAN.

Moved by Comrade Marshall, duly seconded, that the report be adopted. (Carried.)

Major Keck called for report of committee appointed yesterday on resolutions to be given to Hon. James R. Howe, viz.: Comrade Davis, Comrade Barber and Comrade Marshall.

Comrade Davis of committee read the following report:

WHEREAS, The Hon. James R. Howe, a public spirited citizen of the Borough of Brooklyn, City and State of New York has, in his well known patriotic sense of generosity, presented to the

United Spanish War Veterans of the Department of New York, the stand of colors now with the Headquarters of the Department, therefore be it,

Resolved, That the United Spanish War Veterans of this State at the annual Encampment in the City of Elmira on this 7th day of August, 1907, do express by unanimous vote, most sincere thanks for the gift, and also be it further,

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Encampment, in full, and that a copy suitably engrossed and signed by the Department Commander and Adjutant be presented to the donor as a slight visible token of our appreciation of his generous and broad-minded action.

(Signed) CHAS. O. DAVIS,
WILLIAM MARSHALL,
F. R. BARBER.

Moved by Comrade McDermott, duly seconded, that the report be adopted, and that the committee have the same suitably engrossed at the expense of the Department. (Carried.)

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I took upon myself yesterday, seeing that the Department Encampment of Ohio was in session to send them by telegraph our greetings and in return I have received this morning from Ohio, the following telegram:

AUGUST 6, 1907.

Department of New York, U. S. W. V., Elmira, N. Y.

Department of Ohio thanks Department of New York and sends best wishes for successful Encampment.

WM. J. SCHROEDER,
Department Commander.

Communications.

Adjutant Dineen read several communications as follows:

TELEGRAM.

WATERVILLE, N. Y., August 3, 1907,

JOHN D. DRISCOLL, Esq., *Care of E. M. Hoffman Camp No. 40,
Elmira, N. Y.:*

To my great regret your kind letter was laid aside during my illness with grip and I am deeply disappointed that this message should come to you so late and that it is impossible for me to accept your most kind invitation. I should especially like to meet the members of the Camp which is named in honor of my friend, General Hoffman. I send my heartiest greetings to you and the Comrades of the United Spanish War Veterans.

(Signed) WILLIAM CARY SANGER.

Department Commander and United Spanish War Veterans, Department of New York:

In a few moments it will be my privilege and pleasure to present to you these "standards" of which you proved yourselves so worthy in your heroic services during our late war with Spain, securing the freedom of the "Gem of the Antilles" — the island of Cuba — which had been dominated by the iron heel of the Spanish despotism for ages. Through the heroic action of the Fifty-fifth Congress and your valor on the fields of war, Cuba is now free and the Star Spangled Banner, of which these colors are symbolic, floats in triumph over despotic purpled royalty, and in which interest you carried our flag to glorious victory.

We recall the heroism of our forefathers, at Lexington and Bunker Hill, and the glorious deeds of the American soldiers in the Mexican War, not a single battle having been lost, and where at Chapultepec, the American Army covered itself with glory, the results of which added to our National domain, at least five additional states including Texas.

The same spirit that actuated our fathers in the Revolution

and in the Mexican War, has ever continued and when the life of the Nation was threatened, that spirit asserted itself from Bull Run to the final close of the war at Appomattox.

When we remember the gallant, noble and heroic souls who have gone to their death in all of our wars in the interests of maintaining this great principle of human liberty, we realize what it has cost to establish the great privileges of human liberty which we so fully enjoy. This spirit of human liberty continues, and is ever in the hearts of the people; it is God's gift and I may say, His proclamation to men. Our flag is an inspiration to do and to dare in the interests of human liberty everywhere. The Declaration of Independence on the part of the Fathers of our Republic declares that all men are born free and equal. As Americans we are ever ready to maintain this principle, for on this rock our Republic was founded and will, I trust, continue to be in the future as in the past, a menace to tyranny and the hope of the down-trodden the world over.

A few years ago when I was in London and in St. Paul's cathedral, I noted the saying by Sir Christopher Wren, one of the greatest architects of his time and who, after the burning of London, planned for its rebuilding. During his last illness he was asked as to what sort of a monument he would have, and he said, "I want no monument except as I have built. If you would my monument see, look about you." These words are inscribed on the high reaching columns in St. Paul's Cathedral. Now as Sir Christopher Wren said, so I would say of the heroic men who composed the rank and file of all our armies. If you their monuments would see look about you and behold the grandest and most glorious republic the world has ever seen. And now Commander and United Veterans of the Spanish War, accept these colors as a token of high appreciation of your great and noble deeds, and in the years to come as they wave over your heads, may they come to be an inspiration and quickening power in the interests of human liberty and everything that goes to make for the perpetuity of the American Republic.

(Signed) JAMES R. HOWE.

By COMRADE FETZER:

I am sensible of the fact that this Encampment has moved that suitable resolutions of thanks be engrossed and sent to Comrade Howe for his magnificent gift, but I would also move that a telegram of thanks be sent to Hon. James R. Howe, now, from this Encampment, from Elmira. (Carried.)

The Department of Connecticut, U. S. W. V., in Encampment assembled at New Britain, Conn., this 3d day of August, 1907, extends to the Department of New York, U. S. W. V., in Encampment assembled at Elmira, N. Y., their hearty greeting of fraternity and good fellowship, assuring them of our sincere interest in and our best wishes for a successful and enjoyable Encampment.

(Signed) HENRY H. SAUNDERS,
Department Commander.

(Signed) NATHAN G. VALENTINE,
Department Adjutant.

Moved by Comrade D. J. Murphy, duly seconded, that the communication be received and suitably acknowledged. (Carried).

In presenting the badge to Commander Foist of McKinley Camp, Department Commander Keck said:

It gives me great pleasure to present to you this testimonial for the character of work your Camp has done during the past year. I have seen a great many members of your Camp; I have been associated with a great many of them more or less; I have attended some of your meetings or gatherings, and not only is the percentage of increase one that you can be proud of but also the character of the men whom you have taken into your Camp, and I sincerely think that the award of this prize could not have been made with any more impartiality or greater care than the committee evinced in awarding it, and I am very glad to hand this over to you.

Commander Foist, of McKinley Camp No. 62, of Brooklyn, responded as follows:

Department Commander and Comrades:

You do not know the appreciation I feel in accepting this medal. I have tried to build up the McKinley Camp, and as the De-

partment Commander says, I have got some of the finest material there is in the organization, men that never thought of joining us, but it isn't due wholly to my hard work, it is the Comrades I had back of me. I accept this with thanks, and I won't prolong the session.

A. B. Cornell, of Elmira, N. Y., made an address which was enthusiastically applauded regarding the G. A. R., and the effort being made to pass certain legislation at Albany favorable to pensioners and asking for the co-operation of the U. S. W. V.

Comrade Marshall read the printed resolution in regard to the request made by Mr. Cornell, which is as follows:

PROPOSED STATE PENSION LAW.

An act to provide for the pensioning of soldiers, sailors and marines who served in the Armies or Navy of the United States, from the State of New York, in the Civil War from 1861 to 1865, fixing the rate of pension, the manner of obtaining same, and creating a fund for the payment thereof. The People of the State of New York represented in Senate and Assembly do enact as follows:

Section 1. That any soldier, sailor or marine who served in the Army or Navy of the United States during the Civil War, from 1861-1865, and enlisted or was credited to the State of New York and who served ninety days or more, and who was honorably discharged therefrom, shall be entitled to a pension from this State of twelve dollars (\$12) per month.

§ 2. All applications for pensions hereunder shall be made to the Comptroller of the State of New York, under such reasonable rules and regulations as shall be prescribed by him.

§ 3. The pensions granted in pursuance of this act shall commence October 1, 1908, and shall be paid quarterly thereafter on the first day of January, April, July and October of each year; such pensions shall date from the date of filing applications after the passage of this act.

§ 4. The necessary blanks and stationery for applications and proof of pensions under this act shall be furnished by the State Comptroller, and the expense of printing and distributing the same shall be paid out of the treasury of the State, and no charge shall

be made by the Comptroller to such applicant for pension, for services, or fees in the matter of such pension.

§ 5. The monies for the purpose of paying pensions, by this act shall be paid from a fund created from all monies that have been or may be received, and all accrued interest on same, from the United States Government paid to the State of New York for the equipment and maintenance of troops in the field or in the State during the Civil War from 1861-1865, and all other monies that have been paid or may be paid by the United States Government to the State of New York for any service rendered by her troops during the Civil War, or whatsoever amount of these monies that may be necessary to pay the pensions granted by this act. There shall also be paid from this pension fund all necessary clerical hire, postage and incidental expenses pertaining to the granting of pensions by this act.

§ 6. Any soldier, sailor or marine who served in the Army or Navy of the United States during the Civil War from 1861-1865, living in some other State or commonwealth who enlisted or was credited to the State of New York, and who served ninety days or more and was honorably discharged, shall be entitled to all benefits of this act.

§ 7. This act shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Comrade Ryan, duly seconded, that this bill or proposed law of the G. A. R. be referred to the Legislative Committee, and with the instruction that our assistance will be given the Grand Army of the Republic if they will assist us in securing legislation favorable to the U. S. W. V. (Carried.)

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Now we will proceed to the time and place of holding the next Encampment. We have two bids, one from Troy and one from Oswego. I do not know that any other Camp has offered its hospitalities for the next Encampment. I appoint as tellers, and they will act as tellers through the entire election, Commander Thelen of L. Boardman Smith Camp, Comrade Creighton of the 14th Regiment Camp, and Comrade Keithley of Schley Naval Squadron. Nominations or selections for the appointment of the time and place of holding our next Encampment are in order.

Comrade Caming of Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46 moved that the next Encampment be held at Troy, N. Y. Motion duly seconded.

A communication from Troy and one from Oswego were then presented.

Stated by Comrade Hall, That Oswego waives its claim in favor of Troy.

Moved by Comrade Wilson, That the Encampment meet at Troy, at such time as the Council of Administration may decide. (Carried.)

Comrade Hamlin of Troy addressed the Encampment.

Question of railroad rates, etc., to Troy, discussed by Comrades Marshall, Fetzer and Ryan.

The Department Commander stated that the Encampment would now proceed to the election of officers.

By COMRADE MARSHALL:

I would suggest that for the comfort and convenience of the delegates, we now take a recess of five minutes. (Carried.)

Reconvening, it was moved by Comrade Wilson, that nominating speeches be limited to two minutes and seconding speeches to one minute. (Carried.)

By COMRADE YOUNG:

That a committee of seven be appointed to nominate the members of the Council of Administration and the delegates to the National Encampment.

Discussed by Comrades Murphy, O'Rourke, Keck and Howard. Motion seconded and carried.

By COMRADE DAVIS:

Yesterday, there was a motion made here, to adopt a resolution of the committee establishing a relief fund of the Department to be in charge of five trustees for immediate relief. I move that that motion be reconsidered. Motion seconded by Comrade McDermott.

Discussed by Comrades Marshall, Ryan and Fetzer.

By COMRADE MARSHALL:

Inasmuch as it seems to be the sentiment of this Encampment not to take action on the matter, I move that the matter be laid upon the table until the next Department Encampment.

Motion made to amend, that a committee of three be appointed to devise ways and means of extending relief.

Amendment accepted by Comrade Marshall, and motion as amended, seconded and carried.

Nominations declared in order for Department Commander.

Nominating committee appointed consisting of the following Comrades:

Comrade Young, chairman; Comrade Watson of Major Keck Camp; Comrade Weston of Old Guard Camp; Comrade McDermott; Comrade McCune of Russell Camp; Comrade Kyle of Albany Camp; Comrade Wilson of L. Boardman Smith Camp.

By COMRADE RYAN:

I would like to make a suggestion that a member be appointed from the western part of the State.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I will withdraw Comrade Watson and appoint Comrade Haller.

Comrades Kyle and Wilson state that they would be pleased to withdraw.

Comrade McCurdy, of Buffalo, placed on committee in place of Comrade Kyle.

Comrade McDermott resigned in favor of Comrade Hollis of Olean.

Stated that roll call for nominations would be made from floor by Camps.

Committee withdrew for deliberation.

Nominations for Department Commander called for.

By DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN W. H. I. REANEY:

"Lives of great men all remind us, we can make our lives sublime,
And departing leave behind us, footprints on the sands of time;
Footprints, that perhaps another sailing o'er life's solemn main,
A forlorn and shipwrecked brother, seeing may take heart again."

Now, Comrades, I have but one question to ask, and I ask each of you individually to clear his mind of all prejudice, to be actuated simply and solely for the good of the order, dropping all personalities and I ask them to be true to their country and man to man answer this question. The question forms the speech, and it is this: What is the matter with that thoroughbred patriot, Admiral Coghlan as the head of the New York Department? I therefore, move you, sir, that the name of Joseph B. Coghlan, the man, be placed in nomination for the highest office within your power.

Nomination seconded by Comrade Marshall of McKinley Camp 62.

Roll called, and there being no further nominations, the polls were declared closed for nominations.

Moved by Comrade Court, duly seconded, that the Adjutant be instructed to cast one ballot representing the sentiment of the Encampment for Comrade Coghlan as the Department Commander for the ensuing year. (Carried.)

Tellers announce there is one ballot cast for Department Commander, bearing the name of Joseph B. Coghlan.

Comrade Coghlan declared elected Department Commander for the ensuing year. (Applause.)

Comrades Ryan and Oates were requested to escort Comrade Coghlan to the Encampment.

Comrade Ryan, suggested as substitute to himself, Comrade Reaney.

Substitution made by the Department Commander.

Comrade Coghlan was announced and was greeted with long and vociferous cheering.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Comrade Coghlan, it gives me great pleasure to state to you, sir, this Encampment, the Fourth Annual Encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans has elected you unanimously Department Commander. Will you accept?

By COMRADE COGHLAN:

I will.

Nominations for Senior Vice-Commander declared in order. Roll called, and Comrade Hamilton placed in nomination for Senior Vice-Commander the name of Comrade William J. S. Dineen; and Comrade Kyle placed in nomination the name of Comrade Phillip G. Roosa. There being no further nominations, it was declared that nominations be closed and the ballots prepared.

Nominations for Junior Vice-Department Commander in order.

Roll called and Comrade Barker placed in nomination the name of Comrade John D. Driscoll of Elmira, N. Y. Nomination seconded by Comrade Hall of Elmira, N. Y. There being no further nominations, it was declared that nominations be closed and ballots for Junior Vice-Department Commander be prepared.

Moved by Comrade O'Connor, that the Department Adjutant be instructed to cast one ballot for Comrade Driscoll for Junior Vice-Department Commander. Carried unanimously.

Tellers announce that upon a count of the ballots for the office of Senior Vice-Department Commander, William J. S. Dineen received 34 votes and Comrade Roosa received 63 votes.

Moved by Comrade Hamilton, duly seconded, that the election of Comrade Roosa be made unanimous. (Carried.)

Comrade Roosa was then informed of his election as Senior Vice-Department Commander by Department Commander Frank Keck. Asked if he would accept, he replied, "I will."

Nominations for Department Inspector were declared in order. Roll called and Comrade Caming, of Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46, placed in nomination the name of Comrade George W. McCune of Troy, N. Y.

Nomination duly seconded by Comrade Hammond.

There being no further nominations for the position of Department Inspector nominations were declared closed and instructions given to prepare the ballots.

Moved by Comrade Kyle, duly seconded, that the Adjutant be instructed to cast one ballot for Comrade McCune for the office of Department Inspector for the ensuing year.

Tellers announce there is one ballot cast for Department Inspector and that the name of George W. McCune appears thereon.

Comrade McCune was notified of his election and stated that he would accept.

Nominations for Department Surgeon declared in order. Comrade Court placed in nomination the name of Comrade Arthur J. Schneidenbach to succeed himself to said position. Nomination duly seconded by Comrade Malcolm of Albany.

Moved by Comrade Maurice Simmons, that nominations close. (Carried.)

Moved by Comrade D. J. Murphy, duly seconded, that the Adjutant be instructed to cast one ballot for A. J. Schneidenbach as Department Surgeon to succeed himself for the ensuing year. (Carried.)

Comrade Schneidenbach being informed of his election stated that he would accept the office with thanks.

Nominations declared in order for Judge-Advocate. Comrade Marshall of William McKinley Camp No. 62, placed in nomination the name of Comrade Maurice Simmons of Old Guard Camp, and Comrade Zimmerman nominated Comrade Court, who withdrew in favor of Comrade Simmons. Moved and seconded that nominations for Judge-Advocate be closed. (Carried.)

Moved by Comrade Caming, duly seconded, that the Adjutant be instructed to cast one ballot for Comrade Simmons for Judge-Advocate of this Department for the ensuing year. (Carried.)

Teller announced the result, and Comrade Simmons was declared unanimously elected Judge-Advocate for the Department, and stated that he would accept the office.

Nominations for Chaplain declared in order. Comrade Fetzner placed in nomination the name of Comrade W. H. I. Reaney.

Moved by Comrade Devane, duly seconded, that nominations close for Chaplain. (Carried.)

Moved by Comrade Larkin, duly seconded, that the Adjutant cast one ballot for the nominee as Chaplain of this Department. (Carried.)

Tellers announced the result and W. H. I. Reaney declared elected as Chaplain, who stated that he would accept.

Encampment enthusiastically called, "speech," "speech," "speech," and Department Chaplain Reaney replied, "Be good."

Nominations for Department Marshal declared in order. Comrade Cunningham placed in nomination the name of Comrade Saul Caming of Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46, and Comrade Fetzner placed in nomination the name of Comrade Frank D. Lakestream of Theodore Roosevelt Camp No. 10. Nominations duly seconded. Comrade Lakestream withdraws in favor of Comrade Caming. Moved and seconded that nominations close, and that the Adjutant be instructed to cast one ballot for Comrade Caming as Department Marshal. (Carried.)

Comrade Caming, being informed of his election, stated that he would accept the office.

Chairman Young of the nominating committee made a report of nominations for members of the Council of Administration and Delegates to the National Encampment.

Moved by Comrade Holmes, duly seconded, that the report be accepted. (Carried.)

Comrade Young placed in nomination the name of eight Comrades as members of the Council of Administration; seconded by Comrade Malcolm and carried.

Comrade Marshall placed in nomination on the Council of Administration by Comrade Simmons.

Comrade McCarty states that he wishes to withdraw his name as representative from Manhattan in favor of Comrade Marshall.

Comrade Watson placed in nomination the name of Comrade Zimmerman as member of the Council of Administration.

Comrade Dwyer placed in nomination the name of Comrade Clinton P. Hamilton as member of the Council of Administration.

Comrade Zimmerman withdraws his name as a candidate.

Comrade Watson placed in nomination the name of Comrade Kopetsky as a member of the Council of Administration.

Comrade John C. Stein placed in nomination for member of the Council of the Administration by Comrade Hamilton.

Comrade Ryan raises the point, that the Rules and Regulations require that no man can be a candidate for office unless he has signified his willingness to accept the same.

Moved by Comrade Kyle, duly seconded, that nominations for members of the Council of Administration be closed. (Carried.)

Camps that had not elected delegates to the National Encampment were requested to give names of such delegates to the committee, and urged to give only such names of Comrades as would surely be present at the National Encampment.

Comrade Ryan placed upon such committee.

Roll called for the casting of ballots to elect members of the Council of Administration.

Moved by Comrade Davis, duly seconded, that we extend a hearty vote of thanks to the local Camp for the courtesies extended this Encampment, and to the delegates. (Carried.)

Moved by Comrade Oates that we indorse Comrade W. H. I. Reaney for Chaplain-in-Chief at National Encampment.

Comrade Budde moved as an amendment, that the National delegates to be elected at this Encampment be instructed to use all means in their power to elect Rev. W. H. I. Reaney, Chaplain-in-Chief.

Amendment accepted and action as amended carried unanimously.

Moved by Comrade Scheidenbach, duly seconded, that the delegates at the National Encampment going from this Department put in nomination for Surgeon General, J. H. Grant, of Buffalo. (Carried.)

Comrades Young, W. H. I. Reaney and Ryan all spoke upon the advisability of instructing delegates to vote for Commander-in-Chief, and urging that they go uninstructed, except that a vote of sympathy might be made. The question was discussed by Comrades Marshall, Kuehnle and Simmons.

Tellers announced that the result of balloting for members of the Council of Administration showing that Comrade Rusch, etc., (all except Marshall and Kopetsky), were elected.

The above Comrades were therefore elected as members of the Council of Administration and said they would accept the office with thanks.

By COMRADE DWYER:

I wish to offer a motion thanking the retiring officers for their services during the past year by a rising vote.

Motion duly seconded and every delegate was on his feet in an instant. Three cheers were given for the retiring officers.

Comrade Young, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, placed in nomination the names of the following delegates to the National Encampment.

Delegates at large — Comrades D. J. Murphy, Wohler, Hamlin and Fetzer.

Alternates — Comrade Hall, Comrade Fagan, Comrade Osbeck and Comrade Court.

Reported by committee that upon comparing the reports of Camps who have elected delegates there remain to be filled 36, and the committee asked for the names of Comrades who would attend the Encampment on behalf of the Department of New York.

Moved by Comrade Weil, duly seconded, that these nominations be closed. (Carried.)

Moved by Comrade Ryan, duly seconded, that the Adjutant cast one vote for the Delegates as nominated. (Carried.) Delegates declared elected.

Newly elected officers were duly installed by Past Department Commander Frank Keck.

Comrade Coghlan addressed the Comrades, and his remarks were listened to with great attention and heartily applauded.

Moved and seconded that the encampment adjourn without date. (Carried.)

Commander-in-Chief, Hamilton Ward, was introduced to the members of the Encampment by Comrade Frank Keck, Department Commander, as follows:

COMRADES.—The Commander-in-Chief of the United Spanish War Veterans has done us the honor of paying us a visit, and I appreciate it very much. The record of the Commander-in-Chief as given during the past year is one that we can feel very proud of because we are his sponsors, or were the sponsors for him, and when we went to Washington almost a year ago to ask for his election we felt sure that we would produce a candidate that in no way would reflect the slightest discredit upon our Department, or upon the whole order, and he has proved that during the past year he has lived up to the record that we wanted him to establish for himself and for us. It was the first time in the history

of any organization, not excepting the Grand Army of the Republic, that a Commander-in-Chief of a similar organization took upon himself to visit every Department in the United States from Maine to California and from Michigan to Mexico. A stupendous piece of work has separated him from his business, from his family which we and all who have business — unfortunately I haven't a family so I can't speak on that score — but those who have families can fully appreciate. I can assure you, gentlemen, that I cannot say too much in praise of our Commander-in-Chief. I have admired him from the time I have met him up to the present. There has not been a thing that has come to him, of importance, that he has not been able to act upon quickly, calmly and without the slightest prejudice. I am glad, Commander-in-Chief of the United Spanish War Veterans, to have you with us.

Remarks of the Commander-in-Chief, Hamilton Ward, to the Comrades of the United Spanish War Veterans in encampment assembled at Elmira, August 6, 1907:

COMRADES.—It gives me great pleasure to address the Department of New York. Elected by the delegates from that Department, and as its chosen representative, I have felt that that Department would be judged by the work of my administration as critically as I would be judged myself. For the first time since we have been United Spanish War Veterans the Commander-in-Chief has gone east of the State of Ohio, and I believe there are more Spanish War Veterans east of Ohio than there are west of Ohio, and I have felt that I owe to New York, as well as to myself, to give the best that was in me during the eight months that I had to serve the organization, to its interests and welfare.

Mistakes have been made at National Headquarters, but of this I can assure you, we have given our best thoughts and our best attention to the work of the organization. I have visited practically every active Department, and have travelled over 15,000 miles in inspecting Camps and strengthening the organization generally. This was a task which I shrank from, coming, as it did, at my busiest professional season, but nevertheless my visits to the various Departments have been most pleasant to me, and I believe of value to the organization. On the Pacific slope they had never seen a Commander-in-Chief. Few of them had ever attended

National Encampments, but the organization is powerful there. The strongest Camps in the country are located at the Pacific seaports. When I visited the city of Los Angeles, Roosevelt Camp mustered in twenty new Comrades, among them Brig. General Harrison Gray Otis, the foremost citizen of the State. In the little Department of the State of Washington they have almost as many men as they sent soldiers to the war, and in this State my visit was made memorable by the adoption by the Legislature and the approval by the Governor of a bill, granting to Camps of Spanish War Veterans the right to administer municipal poor relief to distressed Comrades, thus recognizing our organization in a way that makes every Comrade realize that it is entitled to his enthusiastic support.

This is the same bill that Governor Higgins vetoed twice in this State. They are hustlers out there. I gave the Comrades in Butte, Montana, twenty-four hours notice of my arrival, but never-the-less I was welcomed by nearly two hundred members of the organization there, half the strength of the Department. Some of them had to come from distant places in the State, in response to telegrams and telephones. Among those who welcomed me was the newly elected Mayor, a member of the Camp, who owed his election to the Comrades.

One of the purposes of my trip west was to establish closer relations with the organization known as the Society of the Army of the Philippines. I found this to be largely a paper organization, but hurtful to us because men refrained from joining either society, preserving their distinctive organization within our ranks, as the Army of the Cumberland and the Army of the Tennessee exists within the G. A. R., but some of the officers of the society are opposed. There is also, I found out recently, another organization in Pennsylvania, known as the American Volunteers of Foreign Service, that maintains a few so-called posts. I trust that my successor will be able to bring these societies within our ranks. My time has been too limited to accomplish all I had hoped to do in this direction.

We speak of the strong organization in the West. We must not forget New England. There are as many Spanish War Veterans east of the Hudson as there are west of the Mississippi. The banner Department of the United States, Connecticut, is there and

second to Connecticut is the Department of California. Nor need we be ashamed of the great Department of New York, that in finance and membership contributes more than any other to the support to our National organization.

The thing in which I take the most pride is my financial statement, which is doubtless in your hands. The collection of the per-capita tax indicates a very large increase in membership. With expenses no greater than that of the previous administration, except for the purchase of supplies, the business done at National Headquarters has been nearly double. As a result of all the administrations that preceded me I received less than \$1,400. At the expiration of my eight-months term I will turn over to my successor nearly \$5,000. This is possible because the men who have served the organization have done so at a great personal and financial loss; because men like Ryan and Gilfillan and Haller were willing to do \$10 worth of work for \$2 worth of pay; because men like Newton and Hale and Alvin were willing to travel all over the country and pay their expenses out of their own pockets. The traveling expenses of the National organization, representing the 15,000 miles that I have travelled, and nearly equals, that, which has been travelled by other members of the organization, has cost, as near as I can estimate it, about \$4,000, of which \$800 has been charged to the organization.

No man occupying the position of Commander-in-Chief has ever been so faithfully supported and aided as I have been by the National officers elected and appointed.

But we must look forward. I believe we have now put the organization on a systematic business basis. It is wise to continue the practise of changing the National Headquarters. The supply business, however, should be fixed. No Commander-in-Chief in the future should be asked, in addition to the other burdens of the office, to run a store. Some arrangements must be made for the handling of supplies through a fixed supply house, with profits to go to Departments or Camps, as may be determined. The per-capita tax is now sufficient to support the National organization. All that National Headquarters should be asked to do is to see that the supplies are uniform in price and quality.

Cedar Point will be a business Encampment. We shall be all together there in one great hotel, and I hope that when we separate on the 11th of September, the interests of the organization will be advanced, and the great Department of New York, that is represented by the Commander-in-Chief, should send there a delegation that is representative of its influence, its weight, and its patriotic services.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I thank you in the name of the Encampment for the very timely talk and for the very cheerful words of encouragement you have given us, and we will do the best we can to see that you have what you have asked, a proper number of United Spanish War Veterans of the Department of New York at Buffalo at the McKinley dedication and at Cedar Point. It has been a great pleasure, sir, to say that this Department has indorsed all the actions of your administration during the past year.

By COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF WARD:

It is needless for me to say that this mark of your approval has made the hard work of the last seven months much more than worth while.

Inspector-General Hale of California made a few remarks which were pleasantly received.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Comrades, we have here a visitor from Connecticut who is the Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, Comrade Charles W. Newton, of Connecticut.

The Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief being thus introduced to the Comrades assembled, replied as follows:

Commander Keck, Commander-in-Chief Ward and Comrades of the Department of New York:

I assure you that I feel very deeply this very kind welcome that you have given me here to-day. The looks in your faces and the pleasant hand-grasps and greetings I have had from you make me

feel somewhat after the words of my distinguished townsman, Mark Twain, "That such a welcome could not come from the gray matter of the brain, but comes welling up with the rich red blood of the heart," and I shall take pleasure in carrying back to my comrades in Connecticut a report of this very kind reception to their representative here at your Department Encampment.

I have, also a duty to perform, and regarding that I would ask Comrade Keek if a letter has come to me here. I ask that before proceeding, because leaving home hurriedly, a letter was to follow.

We held our Department Encampment on Saturday, and at that Encampment the knowledge spread that the Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief was going to attend the New York Encampment.

A motion was made by General Schultz, Past Department Commander of Connecticut, that the Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief take with him and present to the Department of New York the felicitations, kindly greetings and best wishes of the Department of Connecticut there assembled, and also to carry to Commander-in-Chief Ward, their best wishes and kindest regards, and it is with great pleasure I perform the duty in behalf and in the name of the Department of Connecticut. (Applause.)

We feel over in Connecticut that we are only a suburb of New York anyway. We go to New York so much and we know so many of you that we feel as if we belonged to you. But I did not know until Sunday what a great, great State the State of New York is, when, through the very delightful hospitality and courtesy of Commander-in-Chief Ward we walked over his 500 acre farm in Waterloo, and I will swear there are more square miles in his farm alone than in the whole State of Connecticut. Connecticut feels that we owe a debt to New York for giving us as our Commander-in-Chief, this splendid fellow. He has told you of some of the work that has been done to assist him in his administration, but it is not necessary for me to tell you of the splendid work he has done that will make it almost impossible for anyone to follow in his footsteps and equal it, and from Connecticut we thank you, sir, for the work you have done for the organization.

Now, Comrades, I don't want to take much of your time, but we all know that the war in which we were engaged was a humane

war; that we went out for the sake of humanity, and I will take just a minute to tell you why I say so.

It was my privilege to be in Cuba immediately preceding the outbreak of the war with Spain, and I had personal observation of the conditions existing there at the time. I saw on the hill-sides of Mantanzas, 30,000 of these poor, starving reconcentrados. You have all seen pictures of a leper camp, but they were no worse than those I saw on the hills of Mantanzas. You know it was the policy of Spain to drive those people from their farms, where they were giving sustenance and aid to the insurgents, and gather them within the lines of the cities garrisoned by the Spanish troops, and there left without support or assistance or any care, which left nothing for them but starvation — a condition which it was impossible for this country to allow. I saw the army of Spain, itself wretched, barefooted and poverty stricken. They had not received a cent of pay in six months, and I was besought on the street by soldiers many times for alms, while their theaters, cafes and dance halls were filled with the officers of the Spanish Army, revelling in every vice. I went across the harbor to a bull fight on Sunday afternoon, and in returning we passed the battleship Maine, and I grew about six inches taller at the sight of our splendid vessel. Passing up through the street I picked up a circular printed in Spanish, which was interpreted for me by the Vice Consul-General, in which it called us the "Pig Yankees," and spoke of our rotten fleet, and said the time had come for action, death to the Americans. Hail to Weyler! Hail to Spain! I saw in Cabanas Fortress, the walls where Weyler lined up those poor devils every morning and shot them down like dogs.

On Tuesday afternoon at five o'clock dinner at the hotel we were told that our hotel was to be dynamited that night. It was the center of every thing American. Consul-General Lee, Vice-Consul Springer, Clara Barton, and all the reporters of the New York journals made their headquarters at this hotel. And later from a little park overlooking the harbor I witnessed the destruction of our splendid battleship Maine. We don't know how it happened. We all have our ideas. One little fact seems to have considerable bearing on it. The following day I returned to this

country on the Olivette, on which were returned all the soldiers, officers, sailors and marines who were able to be sent back to this country, and in talking with many of them they explained to me that in the construction of the ship no cement was used above the magazines, all cement in use being in the keel. A quarter of a mile away lay the City of Washington, and upon her deck fell a large piece of cement, the theory being that if the explosion came from the magazine the cement would be blown downward; if the explosion came from the mine beneath the vessel, the cement would be blown upward, as it was in this case in falling on the steamer Washington. You can draw your own conclusions, and you can take your choice of the theories of what really happened.

But I do know that there were conditions in Cuba at this time which no patriotic American citizen could stand for, and I came back to offer my sword and my life for my country and you all did. Some of you were fortunate in reaching the firing line, while some of you only reached the fever line. But we all went forth to do our duty. Our business called us, and loved ones at home beckoned us to remain, but we went forth with thought of business and thoughts of home, but with eyes only for the flag. Another conflict of arms has closed; another victory is added to the wreath of American liberty. We have won most gloriously and most honorably our first contest in the universal strife of liberty against oppression.

Gentlemen, I must not take any more of your valuable time. I want you to sustain with your best efforts the officers of your Department as we have endeavored to sustain the work of our Commander-in-Chief. Don't let any feeling get in you that your officers are chesty or hold their heads too high.

Now, Comrades, don't let any such feeling about your officers creep into our organization. Give your officers every assistance that lies in your power, that they may give their best efforts to the upbuilding of the organization. And in closing I will only say, God bless you all, and may we each and every one of us ever and always be friends of the dear old Star Spangled banner and friends of each other.

Moved by Comrade D. J. Murphy of Old Guard Camp No. 19 and duly seconded, that the administration of the Commander-in-Chief be indorsed by this encampment. Rising vote showed the motion unanimously carried.

Adjourned.

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Fifth Annual Encampment.

TROY, N. Y., AUGUST 3-5, 1908.



JOSEPH B. COGHLAN,
Department Commander, 1907-1908.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIFTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT.

The Encampment was called to order at 10 o'clock A.M., Monday, August 3, by the Department Commander, Joseph B. Coghlan, and the Department Chaplain, W. H. I. Reaney, invoked divine blessing upon its deliberations.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER COGHLAN:

As you all know there is another encampment being held at the same time as our own, that of the Ladies Auxiliary, and it has heretofore been customary to send the greetings of the encampment to the ladies and invite them to our opening ceremonies, and in this case arrangements were made to do it; but with man's usual blundering we did not begin until 10 o'clock and the ladies, without waiting to be invited, have themselves attended and we greet them on behalf of the encampment. And one of the most singular things, and it certainly marks this as a red letter day, is that they have requested simply to listen and not to speak.

COMRADE CUNNINGHAM:

As representing Camp Marcus D. Russell, it is my great pleasure to present to you, Commander and Comrades, the Mayor of our City, the Hon. Elias P. Mann. (Continued applause.)

THE MAYOR:

Mr. President, Comrades and gentlemen, I sincerely thank you for this warm reception. It is with very great satisfaction and pride that I come here this morning to extend the greetings of the City of Troy to the delegates attending at this convention with satisfaction, because we are glad that you selected the City of Troy as your convention city, and with pride because so many of our own young men are associated with you.

Your large attendance, with the distinguished gentleman presiding over you, is evidence that the objects for which you are assembled will be fitly served and promoted. The city of Troy furnished its full quota of volunteers to the Spanish War, and all our companies went to the front with full ranks. They strove to perform their duty, and it was a sad disappointment to many of them that the services they were called upon to perform were not longer prolonged.

A young man of the city, a personal friend of many of us, laid down his life for his country at the battle of Las Quasimas, and from him the Troy Camp takes its name. The good feeling which has animated every man in the service is appropriate in the order of United Spanish War Veterans.

I know that your time will be taken up with the discussion of business, but you will find time between meetings for recreation. Troy is a compactly built city and you will enjoy seeing its most interesting features. Our electric railways will carry you through a most beautiful country, and you must certainly visit our Prospect Park, which is the pride of every Trojan, and from which you obtain a wonderful view of the Hudson Valley.

Troy has made wonderful progress in certain lines of manufacturing, and it will interest you to visit some of our large shirt and collar establishments to see upon what a large plane the business is conducted.

We are making preparations for Old Troy Day, to be celebrated early in September, and we have for that occasion a program which will surprise those who witness the celebration; but the fact that we are preparing for the celebration of this event will not in any manner detract from the generosity which will be extended to you.

Mr. President, through you, it is my pleasant duty to offer you our most cordial greetings, and to extend to the delegates attending this convention the freedom of the city. The keys of the city are yours, and you are at liberty to go in and out as you will. I trust that your proceedings will be a source of pleasure to you and that you will always have the most pleasant recollections of your stay among us. (Great and continued applause.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER COGHLAN:

It is with great pleasure that we have heard your speech and we thank you and the City of Troy sincerely for all that it contains.

I might say on behalf of the Comrades that we are particularly glad to know that the keys of the City of Troy have been given to us — they have; in fact, I saw one of our Comrades yesterday who had the keys all over him. (A COMRADE: That was me.)

Mr. Mayor, we are all, I think, every member of the Encampment, delighted to be in the City of Troy. To many of us it is our first visit. But every one has heard more or less of this City, and I notice that everybody on the boat we came up on had their baggage marked for Troy. Unfortunately, from what we saw on Sunday, the electric cars are a little too fast for a clear inspection and study of the delightful beauties you see on the streets (laughter), but we hope that before the Encampment is over we may be able to get a little nearer. Mr. Mayor, we thank you for your kindly interest, and I hope that when we have gone away from here we will carry away the pleasant memories, and that you also will retain pleasant memories of our having been here.

The Encampment rose to its feet while the Mayor passed out of the Encampment hall.

The Chair announced the following Committee on Credentials: Comrades Bernhardt Wall, Isidor Weill, James S. Long, E. H. Burton, Saul Caming, Emil Wohler, Charles Beilman.

ROLL CALL OF DELEGATES.

COMRADE CUNNINGHAM:

Commander, as a personal favor, I would request of the Encampment that the delegates, as their names are called, pass around the railing so that they may be presented with badges.

During the call of the roll the name of Harry B. Grant was objected to, and on motion was referred to the Committee on Credentials, as were the names of one or two other delegates.

The Chairman stated that the object of the roll-call was not that credentials should be passed on but merely to assist the work of the Encampment and to properly distribute the badges.

ADJUTANT REARDON:

Before commencing the calling of the names of Past Commanders might I, with propriety, be pardoned for interrupting the roll call at this time? I would like to say to the Comrades present that in my humble opinion several will be called as Past Commanders who have not served out the term, or who have not served out the unexpired portion of a term, but who have been certified to headquarters as Past Camp Commanders, and I respectfully request one and all when they hear a name called that does not properly belong to their Camp, to call my attention to it at the time of its being called.

COMRADE LONG:

I rise on a point of order; why are these questions asked about Past Commanders?

ADJUTANT REARDON:

For the reason that there is nothing to show what they are.

COMRADE LONG:

Do you not think that it is within the discretion of the Committee on Credentials to report who are here as Commanders and as Past Commanders.

ADJUTANT REARDON:

It is better, if we can facilitate matters in open Encampment.

THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The adjutant will proceed with the roll call, and if there are any corrections to be made, they can be made after the roll-call has been finished.

The calling of the roll of Past Commanders was proceeded with, and at its conclusion the Chair stated that the next business before the meeting was the reception of the reports of Department officers.

Report of the Department Commander.

*To the Fifth Annual Department Encampment of the U. S. W. V.
of the Department of New York:*

COMRADES.—It is with very great pleasure that I report that the general prosperity of our order has continued during the past year. We have gained six new Camps. Two Camps have upon their own application been consolidated into one, leaving us a net gain of five Camps, all of which bid fair to become splendid organizations and to add lustre to the order. In individual members there has been a gain of about 400, so that we now stand with about 4,700 members in 71 Camps.

This should be larger, and as the objects of our order are better understood, the membership should greatly increase. This is always slow work, and we may well be proud of the order, both in numbers, and, better still, in quality.

Agreeably to the directions of the last annual encampment a set of appropriate resolutions were beautifully engrossed and presented by Comrade Davis and the committee to the Honorable James R. Howe, expressing the thanks and appreciation of the encampment for the beautiful stand of colors he presented to the Department.

Comrades, the Department Commander regrets exceedingly that he suffered a complete nervous breakdown in November, rendering him partially unable to perform the duties of his office, so that very close personal attention to the requirements of the order could not at all times be given and he takes occasion to now thank, most heartily, the members of his personal staff for their zeal and intelligence in doing many things which the Commander should have done, but which he was physically incapable of doing.

From my experience upon assuming duty, and at this time upon laying down the burdens of this office, I strongly recommend that a resolution be passed, and presented to the National Encampment that the Department officers shall assume their duties on the fifteenth day after their election and appointment. This will give the outgoing officers ample time in which to close all accounts and to carry out all pressing directions of the Encampment at which the new officers are elected.

There is also a change in our Department rules which experience has taught me should in the interest of harmony be made. Both last year and this great dissatisfaction has obtained over the allotment of the money appropriated by the City of New York for the payment of expenses incurred for Memorial or Decoration Day exercises. This should be under the sole jurisdiction of the Memorial and Executive Committee of each Borough — and such moneys should be used *only* for payment of such expenses as are authorized by such committees. Expenses incurred on the so-called “Memorial Sunday,” which day *has no legal standing*, should not be reimbursed by moneys appropriated for the exercise of the *legal* “Decoration Day,” as it is commonly known.

I am sorry to have to report that all our efforts to have passed and enacted into law a *preference bill* failed completely, but am glad to say that every comrade took great interest in the matter and used his every endeavor in its favor. Our worthy Judge-Advocate was untiring in his endeavors and to him the Comrades owe a great debt of gratitude. But we can only hope that the good work may be kept up until we succeed in having the State finally recognize in a substantial way its obligation to those of its sons who kept its honor and prestige to the very forefront, as they always should and must be kept, whenever foes plot and fight against them.

The different officers will state in their reports the details for your information.

Nothing very serious has taken place to mar the general feeling of harmony in the order, although improvement can be still further made.

Thanking you most heartily for the great honor you conferred upon me and regretting the unavoidable sickness which has so greatly hampered me while in office, I can only bid you good luck, good health to each and all, and may you go forward successfully, each year showing an advance in the good work for which our order stands.

Fraternally yours,

(Signed) J. B. COGHLAN,

Department Commander.

On motion, duly seconded, the above report of the Department Commander was accepted by a unanimous vote and ordered spread on the minutes.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

With your permission, I wish to suspend the regular order of business at this point to read the names of the committees appointed for work in this Encampment. I don't know how it is, but so many have spoken of a convention or conventions that I have forgotten that we are an Encampment of soldiers here and not a convention of politicians.

The following committees were here announced:

Committee on the State of the Organization.—George Allen, John T. Oates, Clinton P. Hamilton, Harry A. Ely, J. H. Wilson.

Committee of Appeals and Grievances.—James F. Court, Frank A. Hardikins, William P. Hammond.

It being stated by one of the Comrades that Comrade Hardikin would not be present, the name of Comrade Bernard Fagan was substituted.

Committee on Rules, Regulations and Resolutions.—A. M. Hall, Chairman; C. A. Simmons, H. A. Young, Harry E. Smith.

Committee on Finances.—D. J. Murphy, Chairman; William F. Morgan, C. J. Thorne.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

We will now resume the regular order of business.

The Senior Vice-Commander submitted to the Encampment the following report:

Report of Senior Vice-Commander.

It is a well known fact that the most that can be expected of the Senior Vice-Commander, is that he give to the Department, his loyal support and do everything possible to make his superior's administration a success and a credit to the Comrades of the Department.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Allow me to break in and say that our Senior Vice-Commander has done not only that but a great deal more.

SENIOR VICE-COMMANDER ROOSA (Continuing reading of report):

On December 21st I received a communication from Comrade E. W. Larkin, representing the Brooklyn District Council, stating that there had been some difficulty in obtaining the use of the Fourteenth Regiment Armory for the review to be tendered to the Department Commander. I saw the proper authorities and was able to advise Comrade Larkin as to the manner in which he should proceed, and the matter was, I believe, satisfactorily arranged.

Owing to the absence of the Department Commander of the State, I was in charge of the Department from December 28, 1907, to January 14, 1908.

From early in December until late in the summer, I carried on a large correspondence with the Department Judge-Advocate regarding the so-called Preference Bill. On the first visit of the Judge-Advocate to Albany, I was able to introduce him to many members of the Legislature, so that the interests of the order might be furthered. The legal representative of the order was kept thoroughly posted during the session and copies of all bills of interest to the organization were forwarded to him and also to headquarters as soon as they were printed. I also made necessary arrangements for hearings. My attitude during the entire session was to do everything desired by headquarters and its representatives and to carry out their wishes in all things as far as possible.

The Preference Bill was introduced in the Senate by Senator Cobb, of Jefferson county, who was interested in the matter by the Comrades of Louis W. Carlisle Camp, of Watertown. The Senator succeeded in getting the bill through the Senate. The bill was introduced in the Assembly by Comrade Joseph M. Fowler, a Past Commander of the Old Spanish-American War Veteran Camp, of Kingston, and a member of my old regiment. Both of these gentlemen are deserving of the greatest credit for the hard work done by them in the interest of this bill. When the bill came

up for final passage in the Assembly, in the hurry and rush of the last day of the session, amendments were offered by a member from Greater New York, and carried which killed the bill. The amendments were passed without a roll-call. The reason for its defeat cannot be gone into detail at this time. It is an unanswerable fact, however, that there is a great deal of sentiment throughout the State against preference legislation, and it will necessitate hard work by every individual member of the United Spanish War Veterans. If we wish to obtain such legislation we must carry on a campaign of education in our own Senate and Assembly districts and make every effort to get the people to nominate and elect members who are interested in our order. This can be done without bringing the organization as an organization into politics. It is a poor proposition to talk of favoring our friends and punishing our enemies when referring to the members of the Legislature. The members of this body will vote for our bills, if we have the sentiment behind them, and it is up to every individual member of this order to help create that sentiment. My only objection to the measure as introduced at the last session was, that it did not go far enough. I do not believe that a 10 per cent. preference is enough, we should go in this fight to stay, and keep at it until the United Spanish War Veterans get what they deserve and what they are entitled to.

On January 9th, I installed the officers of Marcus D. Russell Camp, of Troy. The installation was public and was largely attended, the Grand Army of the Republic and the Spanish War Veterans both having large representations.

On January 11th, I received a communication addressed to me as Department Commander, requesting me to install the officers of Norman W. Crosby Camp, but as the Department Commander would again assume command on January 14th, I referred the request to the Department Adjutant, for the action of the Department Commander as the installation would take place after his return.

On January 16th, I installed the officers of Colonel Walter Scott Camp of Oneonta, and also inspected the Camp. The in-

spection was well attended and I found the Camp in excellent condition.

On February 8th, at the request of the Department Commander, I proceeded to Binghamton and represented the Department at the reunion of Thomas H. Barber Camp. This was a very successful gathering and was attended by Past Commander-in-Chief Hamilton Ward, Junior Vice-Commander Driscoll and other Comrades of note from all parts of the State.

During the year I have attended meetings of the Grand Army Posts, as I believe that the interest of these two orders are almost identical. I have always been warmly received by the Comrades of the Civil War. In this section of the State Comrades of the Grand Army make frequent visits to Camps of this organization, and, in our opinion, it has been a benefit to both organizations.

On May 1st, I attended a reunion and reception tendered to General Davis at Schenectady. The affair was one of the most successful ever given by the Comrades in this section of the State, and if more gatherings of this kind were held it would greatly benefit the order. General Eugene Griffin Camp is to be congratulated on the result of this affair.

After working for a period of several months I was able, on July 13th, to forward a request for the Charter for a new Camp at Hudson and on July 28th, I mustered and installed the officers of Hudson Camp No. 71, our newest baby.

I have every reason to believe that before the first of the year the Old Spanish-American War Veteran Camp at Kingston will be reorganized and a new Camp established at Newburgh.

In closing, Comrades, let me ask you to work during the coming year and every year, not only for your own Camp but for the good and glory of this great Order.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP G. ROOSA,

Senior Vice Department Commander.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that the foregoing report of the Senior Vice-Commander be received, accepted and spread upon the minutes.

Report of Department Junior Vice-Commander.

To the Department Commander and Comrades:

I have the honor to present to the delegates of this Encampment the following report:

When elected to the office of Department Junior Vice-Commander at Elmira, last year, I did not realize the amount of strenuous work and large personal expense attached to the office. Whether or not I have fulfilled that office with honor both to the organization and myself, I leave you to judge.

I immediately became interested in the work of reorganizing delinquent Camps throughout the State, and tried to bring more interest into the Camps which had fallen off in membership. I found this could not be done by mail, that it would be necessary to personally see the members of these Camps; for that reason I called a meeting (with the consent of the Department Commander) to be held at Binghamton, N. Y., of the Camps in my district, and was pleased at the result, in so far as it brought together Comrades representing fifteen Camps and furnished an opportunity to talk over and consider plans to increase the membership and arouse interest in the smaller Camps. At that meeting there were present Past Commander-in-Chief Hamilton Ward, Senior Vice-Commander Philip G. Roosa, the latter detailed to represent the Department Commander, and many other Comrades from surrounding cities.

During the first of February I spent one week in Albany; part of each day was spent at the Capitol talking with legislators regarding the Preference Bill, which was at that time being considered by the Assembly.

I made an effort to attend all the meetings of the Council of Administration held in New York city, and missed but one.

I have had the honor and pleasure of attending many meetings and banquets in New York, and I take this opportunity to thank the Comrades of that City for the kindness and hospitality shown me on each visit. I also wish to thank the Thomas H. Barber Camp of Binghamton for their royal entertainment of the Comrades at the meeting held in that City, the results of which are most gratifying.

On Wednesday, June 17, 1908, I organized the Joseph J. Tully Camp of Corning, New York, and have every reason to believe that this Camp will be one of the most active Camps in this Department.

During the latter part of 1907 I took occasion to support Colonel A. E. Baxter for Clerk of the New York State Assembly, he not only being a lifelong neighbor and friend, but also a veteran. I secured permission from the Department Commander to do all I could personally for the Colonel. What I did was only personal, not asking any Camp to take action officially, but through personal friendship and comradeship for a man whose record as a soldier is unquestioned and who was and is now ever ready to lend a helping hand to any veteran, no matter what war he served in, as long as he wore a uniform and carried an honorable discharge. The tenets of our order being to "Stand by a Comrade in need," I supposed I was doing right in asking not only the Comrades of the Spanish-American War but veterans from every other war to give him their support. All of this was non-partisan in so far as both candidates for the Clerk of the Assembly were of the same party.

In conclusion I wish to again thank all the Comrades of this Department for their loyal support, their respect and cordial feeling toward me during my term of office. The Department Commander and all other officers I thank most sincerely, all of you, for you have proven yourselves both gentlemen and soldiers, and I am proud that I have had the honor of being associated with you. Comrades all, I have done my best. If I have made mistakes they were of the head and not of the heart. Whether or not you again honor me with an office in the Department I will in my own humble way strive to promote the interests of the United Spanish War Veterans so far as it is possible for me to do so.

Comrades, again I thank you.

JOHN D. DRISCOLL,
Junior Vice-Commander.

On motion, duly seconded, the meeting unanimously voted that the foregoing report of the Junior Vice-Commander be accepted and spread upon the minutes.

Report of the Department Adjutant.

Commander, Officers, Comrades:

In presenting to you my annual report as Adjutant of the Department of New York, the greatest Department in the order to-day, I desire to submit for your consideration, the following facts and figures: during the present term, there have been issued eight General Orders. The number, though being small, have proven sufficient in imparting the information of the work being done. As these orders are part of the records of the Department and you are familiar with their contents, it is unnecessary for me to dwell further upon them than to say, that it is hoped that in the future stricter attention to the contents of orders will be given. Inattention to the contents of the General Orders of the Department Commander during the past year has been the cause of much confusion and unnecessary labor in this office. With propriety, your attention may be called to the provision of paragraph 7, General Order No. 4 for 1908, which is as follows, "All correspondence of any nature whatsoever, except that which is personal to the Department Commander, will be forwarded to the Department Adjutant," in accordance with the Rules and Regulations. Upon assuming the office of Department Adjutant, it became necessary to completely reorganize and systematize the affairs of the office, the former systems as adopted by my predecessor having been ordered abolished by the last Encampment, the same being termed cumbersome and obsolete, and recommendation of the committee being adopted for the establishment of the card-index system. I am happy to say that the system adopted and in use to-day has proven entirely successful and is commended to my successor whoever he may be.

In the report of my predecessor, your attention was called to the laxity and inattention of many of the Camps with reference to communications and orders from the Department Headquarters. I can only reiterate that statement.

Admitting there has been some improvement in this respect, there still remains room for much more. The matter is one which should command the attention of all and should receive serious consideration. In confirmation of this statement, mention may be made of the following sixteen Camps as an inci-

dent, as follows: Nos. 3, 6, 27, 30, 33, 34, 36, 37, 46, 47, 53, 54, 55, 57, 59 and 61, have failed to forward semi-annual reports for the term ending December 31, 1907. The following Camps only have rendered reports for the term ending June 30, 1908: 1, 2, 4, 7, 9, 10, 11, 15, 23, 25, 26, 29, 30, 34, 37, 38, 39, 41, 43, 44, 45, 46, 49, 52, 57, 58, 60, 63, 65, 66.

Requests that have been made for submission of the reports from the delinquent ones have been in vain, therefore, I have been unable to collect data from which to tabulate a comparative statement of the strength of the organization in the Department this and last year; but a conservative estimate of the strength of the order as of to-day is placed in round numbers at 4,700, against 4,311 last term, a gain during the year of nearly 400 Comrades. During the year six new Camps have been organized and charters granted in the Department, with an enrolled membership of 137 divided as follows: John V. Searles, 18; Newell Rising, 26; Camp Cook, 26; Joe Wheeler, 14; Camp Hudson, 35; Jos. J. Tully, 18.

It will be seen from the figures submitted that the order has materially increased during the past year, and it is hoped that during the coming year these figures may be doubled if not trebled.

I am pleased to report that the David Wilson Camp No. 59 and the W. A. Wilson Camp No. 9 have become active once more, and at the present time are thriving wonderfully. Regarding the Baron Steuben Camp No. 47 of Hornellsville and the F. V. Greene Camp No. 54 of North Tonawanda, I regret to say that there has been no improvement in either Camp during the past year, although strenuous efforts have been made to arouse them into activity. I therefore recommend that these Camps be given notification to become active immediately or their charters will be revoked, said action to be consummated sixty days from this date. Relative to the A. C. Weller Camp No. 32 of Middletown, it has taken on a new lease of life, and I am led to believe if said Camp is given support, together with a little encouragement, it will become strong in numbers and an active worker in the interests of the order. Excepting the two Camps above noted, in which recommendation is made relative to revocation of their charters, all others appear to be actively engaged and strong in numbers, but

of this the Department Inspector can enlighten you much better than I. The following Camps deserve honorable mention and are commended for the manner in which they have responded to communications, acknowledged receipts of orders, and their conduct of Camp affairs generally: Manhattan No. 1, M. D. Russell No. 2, Roosevelt No. 10, Seyburn Liscum No. 13, Russell No. 43, Old Guard No. 19, Decker No. 20, Lawton No. 21, Jarvis No. 23, Schley No. 16, Hubbell No. 24, Smith No. 25, Palmer No. 28, Crosby No. 37, Henry No. 38, Scott No. 42, Anderson No. 26, Fish No. 46, Sampson No. 48, Naval No. 49, Keck No. 53, Saratoga No. 58, McKinley No. 62, McCalla No. 65, Tilly No. 66, and Cook No. 69. To the Adjutants and officers of these Camps I am profoundly grateful for their co-operation and assistance.

Following the footsteps of my predecessor, recommendation is made for changing the report-blanks now in use. The Quartermaster's report in the semi-annual reports of Camps is recommended to be continued, being comprehensive and concise, except that space should be provided for entering date of muster into the the Camps. The application blanks now in use by the order are unsuited to the needs for which they are designed.

Memorial Day and Memorial Sunday were generally observed throughout the Department, and the hope is expressed that in the future as time goes on and our ranks will necessarily become depleted by the hand of time, that the observance of these two days will be universally respected.

During the past year the hand of death has been placed upon the heads of eighteen of our Comrades. I ask you to join with me by arising and listening to the words of our Chaplain in commemoration of their cherished memories.

The whole assembly arose and with bowed heads listened to a prayer by Comrade W. H. I. Reaney, Chaplain General of the Order.

Taps.

Name of Comrade,	Camp.	Date of death.	
John Wilson	1	July	3, 1907
Nathaniel Kelly	62	July	21, 1907
William J. Bradley.....	23	Sept.	6, 1907
Albert De Villeneuve.....	38	Sept.	8, 1907

Name of Comrade.	Camp.	Date of death.	
Philip Roberg	49	Oct.	18, 1907
Harry F. Gavigan	1	Dec.	9, 1907
Frank J. Knapp.....	23	Jan.	22, 1908
Winsor P. French.....	58	Jan.	24, 1908
Christopher A. Bogert.....	65	Feb.	2, 1908
Thomas A. Haggerty.....	5	Feb.	11, 1908
Edward F. Johnson.....	18	Feb.	12, 1908
James O. Culkin.....	26	March	14, 1908
Stephen J. Maloney.....	4	March	26, 1908
Adam Smith	46	April	10, 1908
Edward W. Hopkins.....	38	April	15, 1908
William H. Carr.....	53	April	20, 1908
John F. Storin.....	30	June	6, 1908
Frank C. Weborg.....	45	No date given.	

The Department Adjutant continued the report as follows. Recommendation is respectfully made in the following matters: That Camp Adjutants and Quartermasters be more particular in the preparation of their semi-annual reports; that Camp Commanders before submitting reports to the Department Headquarters will verify same and ascertain their correctness; that Commanders will instruct and see to it that receipt of communications and orders from competent authority are acknowledged promptly.

I desire to call your attention to the fact that protests have been received from National Headquarters to the effect that communications and orders from our National Headquarters are not promptly answered as prescribed by the Rules and Regulations, that semi-annual reports are submitted more promptly than they have been heretofore, that the records of the Department be held inviolate and same shall be subject to the scrutiny of no one, except those charged with their safe keeping and care, except upon the majority vote of the Department Council of Administration, approved by the Department Commander or upon orders of the Department Commander if deemed best; that a vote of thanks be extended our National Officers for the generous support given by them to the retiring officers of the Department; that Camp Commanders see to it that complete rosters of their Camps are forwarded to the Department Adjutant, thus enabling him to

carry out the orders of the Department Commander and the resolution of the committee during the last Encampment in having printed a department roster, that orders be mutually exchanged between Camps, and that the names of recruits mustered into Camps be published in General Orders of such Camps; that we condemn in no unmeasured terms the action of the publishers of The U. S. W. V. Bulletin for having suspended the publication of said "Bulletin" after receiving certain moneys for same and failing to make restitution of said moneys after suspension, and that the Delegates and Alternates-at-large from the Department to the National Encampment be instructed to put forth every effort to have a complete revision of the National Rules and Regulations effected.

During the year nearly 1,600 communications have been received and acknowledged through this office. Although the expenses of the office have been heavy, they are justified, considering the condition of the Department as a whole as it is to-day.

During the year three meetings of the Department Council of Administration were held in accordance with the wishes of the Department Commander.

In closing my report, I desire to thank you one and all, for in every manner you have helped make my administration of Department Adjutant a success. The loyalty and support given me by my Comrades are priceless treasures, and their memories shall forever prevail.

In taking my leave of you, dear Comrades, permit me to state that if in discharging the duties of my position, I have given offense to any one of you, I ask your indulgence. The worries and cares of the office have been multitudinous, and coupled with other conditions with which I have been compelled to do battle, have been very onerous I, therefore, crave your consideration. To one and all I humbly beg pardon. To you, my Commander, I return sincerest thanks for the honor conferred and the trust reposed in appointing me your Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK.

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

NEW YORK, *August 8, 1907.*

General Orders No. 1.

I. Having been duly elected and installed Department Commander at the Fourth Annual Encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans, held at Elmira, August 5, 6 and 7, 1907, I hereby assume command. Headquarters will be established at 112-14 W. 42d St., Room 615, and will be open each day except Sunday after September 1st, from 10 a. m. to 5:30 p. m.

II. The following Department officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Department Commander, Joseph B. Coghlan, Old Guard Camp No. 19.

Senior Vice Department Commander, Philip G. Roosa, F. R. Palmer Camp No. 28.

Junior Vice Department Commander, John D. Driscoll, E. M. Hoffman Camp No. 40.

Department Inspector, George W. McCune, G. D. Russell Camp No. 43.

Department Chaplain, W. H. I. Reaney, Gloucester Naval Camp No. 5.

Department Medical Director, A. J. Schneidenbach, Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46.

Department Judge Advocate, Maurice Simmons, Old Guard Camp No. 19.

Department Marshal, Saul Caming, Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46.

Department Council of Administration — Frank Rusch, of Brooklyn, Schley Naval Camp No. 16; Wm. J. Cunningham, of Troy, M. D. Russell Camp No. 2; Harlin P. Hamlin, of Ilion, F. C. Warner Camp No. 52; S. J. Stone, of Oneonta, Col. W. Scott Camp No. 42; Geo. R. Sawyer, of New Rochelle, N. W. Crosby Camp No. 37; Everett N. Marcy, of Olean, Capt. A. Capron Camp No. 60; John C. Stein, of Brooklyn, Wm. H. Hubbell Camp No. 4; Philip Leves, of Buffalo, R. P. Hughes Camp No. 17.

III. The following appointments are announced:

Chief of Staff, Capt. Harry A. Ely, Old Guard Camp No. 19.
Aides-de-camp — John T. Oates, Joseph S. Decker Camp No. 20; Wm. F. Foist, McKinley Camp No. 62; C. P. Hamilton, Hubbell Camp No. 4; Bart Hunt, Gloucester Camp No. 5.

Chief Mustering Officer, Frederick C. Kuehnle, Theo. Roosevelt Camp No. 10.

Department Adjutant, Wm. A. Reardon, McKinley Camp No. 62.

Department Quartermaster, Frederick L. Budde, Schley Naval Camp No. 16.

Dept. Color Bearers — John Irving, Admiral Schley Naval Camp No. 16; August E. Wolfgram, Admiral Schley Naval Camp No. 16.

IV. The following named Comrades were elected Delegates to the National Encampment to represent this Department:

Delegates-at-Large.

Old Guard Camp No. 19, Comrade D. J. Murphy.
E. H. Liscum Camp No. 14, Comrade E. Wohler.
Russell Camp No. 2, Comrade W. J. Cunningham.
O'Neil Camp No. 15, Comrade C. W. Beilman.

Alternate Delegates-at-Large.

Seyburn Camp No. 13, Comrade J. F. Eagan.
Old Guard Camp No. 19, Comrade J. Court.
Smith Camp No. 25, Comrade G. Ashbaker.
Hoffman Camp No. 40, Comrade Major Hall.

Delegates.

Manhattan Camp No. 1: Comrades L. T. Fetzer, R. Grauer, B. J. Wall, J. J. Reilly, J. M. Thompson.

T. H. Barber Camp No. 3: Comrade F. O. Seymour.

Wm. H. Hubbell Camp No. 4: Comrades C. P. Hamilton, H. A. F. Young, W. J. S. Dineen.

Gloucester Naval Camp No. 5: Comrades Weil, W. L. Beers, L. W. Barker.

Niagara Falls Camp No. 7: Comrades F. L. Delmage, H. McMahon.

W. R. Carmer Camp No. 8: Comrade E. W. Holmes.

Theo. Roosevelt Camp No. 10: Comrade F. C. Kuehnle.

Fourteenth Regiment Camp No. 12: J. F. Carroll.

Seyburn Camp No. 13: Comrades W. B. Delahunt, W. A. Flett, F. Lempke.

E. H. Liscum Camp No. 14: A. Hahn, S. B. O. Gorman, J. H. Grant.

Schley Naval Camp No. 16: W. C. Wilde.

Hughes Camp No. 17: Comrades C. McGurty, H. W. Smith, W. Frank, J. Linsman.

Admiral Phillips Naval Camp No. 18: Comrade J. A. Duncan.

Old Guard Camp No. 19: Comrades I. Weil, H. A. Ely, W. Lawrence, A. B. Cosgrave.

Decker Camp No. 20: Comrades J. T. Oates, J. O'Rourke.

Lawton Camp No. 21: Comrade J. Stahl.

Capron Camp No. 22: Comrade W. P. Hughes.

J. M. Jarvis Camp No. 23: Comrades L. T. Schlesinger, S. J. Kopetzsky.

L. B. Smith Camp No. 25: Comrade W. A. Wilson.

R. C. Anderson Camp No. 26: Comrade J. A. Dory.

F. R. Palmer Camp No. 28: Comrades J. A. Ehmann, W. H. Kyle.

Neptune Camp No. 30: Comrade J. Conway.

Griffin Engineer Camp No. 31: J. J. Murphy.

N. W. Crosby Camp No. 37: Comrade G. Sawyer.

Guy V. Henry Camp No. 38: Comrade T. J. O'Donnell.

Major John K. Sague Camp No. 44: Comrade J. S. Wilson.

S. M. Porter Camp No. 45: Comrade P. A. Butts.

Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46: Comrades S. Caming, F. Wall.

F. C. Warner Camp No. 52: Comrade H. P. Hamlin.

Allan Capron Camp No. 60: Comrade E. N. Marcy.

McKinley Camp No. 62: Comrades W. F. Foist, F. S. Van Boskerck.

Alternate Delegates.

Russell Camp No. 2: Comrade C. H. Littman.

Hubbell Camp No. 4: Comrade F. E. Bussy.

Gloucester Naval Camp No. 5: Comrade J. F. Dwyer.

Roosevelt Camp No. 10: Comrade C. Royling.

Liscum Camp No. 14: Comrade F. L. Cook.

Schley Naval Camp No. 16: Comrades J. Everill, F. L. Budde, E. C. Keithley.

Hughes Camp No. 17: Comrades W. Frank, C. Leves, J. F. Gailbraith.

Old Guard Camp No. 19: Comrades M. Simmons, W. I. Davenney.

F. R. Palmer Camp No. 28: Comrade C. Weiscott.

N. W. Crosby Camp No. 37: Comrades P. Barnett, P. Gleichman.

Major John K. Sague Camp No. 40: Comrade Homer L. Coxhead.

Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46: Comrades J. McCarthy, A. J. Schneidenbach.

F. C. Warner Camp No. 53: Comrade A. Shaffer.

McKinley Camp No. 62: Comrades H. F. Marshall, J. M. Eriksen.

Geo. H. Tilly Camp No. 66: Comrade J. Kaiser.

V. These headquarters have been advised by the Acting Adjutant of Wm. McKinley Camp No. 62 of the death of Comrade Nathaniel Kelly. Comrade Kelly was born in Nassau, New Providence, Bahama Islands, in the year 1864. He enlisted as a cook on board U. S. Revenue cutter "Hudson," July 1, 1898. He served two months and was rated as a seaman, retaining this rate until June 30, 1907, when he was discharged from service on account of disability, contracted in line of duty. He was mustered into McKinley Camp as a charter member. His death occurred July 21, 1907, at his late residence 28 Pike street, New York city. His funeral services were held July 23, 1907, and were attended by a delegation of his Comrades of McKinley Camp. His Camp adopted and forwarded resolutions of condolence to his family.

The sympathy of these headquarters and of the Comrades throughout the Department is extended to the family of our deceased Comrade, and to the Comrades of McKinley Camp No. 62.

VI. Additions to the personal staff of the Department Commander will be made from time to time, and the names of appointees announced in General Orders.

From the data at hand it is impossible to complete the list of delegates to the National Encampment in this order. So soon as the proper returns are received the complete and corrected list will be sent to each Camp Commander.

By order,

J. B. COGHLAN,

Department Commander.

Official,

WM. A. REARDON,

Department Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK.

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

NEW YORK, *October 12, 1907.*

General Orders No. 2.

I. The Department Council of Administration met September 29, 1907, at Department Headquarters and passed the following resolutions:

"A per capita tax of 12½ cents is hereby levied for the six months beginning July 1, 1907, based upon the membership June 30, 1907."

A majority of the Camps, 40 in number, did not wait for this call, but paid their per capita tax, amounting in all to \$309.10, to the last Department Administration; so that the greater part of the money turned over by that administration to this one, consisted of this per capita tax which had been voluntarily advanced by those Camps.

Camps, which have already paid per capita tax for July to December, 1907:

Name.	No. of Comrades.	Date paid.	Amount.
Wm. H. Hubbell Camp No. 4.....	221	July 29, 1907	\$27.62
Gloucester Camp No. 5.....	102	July 18, 1907	12.75
Niagara Falls Camp No. 7.....	75	July 6, 1907	9.37
W. R. Cramer Camp No. 8.....	26	July 18, 1907	3.25
Warren A. Wilson Camp No. 9.....	45	July 30, 1907	5.63
Capt. F. R. Palmer Camp No. 28.....	80	July 29, 1907	10.75
Col. S. Y. Seyburn Camp No. 13.....	77	July 17, 1907	9.63
Emerson H. Liscum Camp No. 14.....	78	July 15, 1907	9.75
Buckey O'Neill Camp No. 15.....	24	July 9, 1907	3.00
Adm. Schley Naval Squ. No. 16.....	95	July 12, 1907	11.88
Maj.-Gen. R. P. Hughes Camp No. 17..	44	Aug. 3, 1907	5.50
Adm. Philip Naval Camp No. 18.....	54	Sept. 1, 1907	6.75
Old Guard Camp No. 19.....	168	July 27, 1907	21.00
Jos. S. Decker Camp No. 20.....	30	Aug. 5, 1907	3.75
Col. H. W. Hubbell Camp No. 24.....	69	Aug. 20, 1907	6.13
James M. Jarvis Camp No. 23.....	89	July 20, 1907	11.13
Robt. C. Anderson Camp No. 26.....	50	July 18, 1907	6.25
Griffin Engineers Camp No. 31.....	50	July 20, 1907	6.25
E. H. Liscum Camp No. 33.....	62	July 31, 1907	7.75
H. J. Reilly Camp No 34.....	39	July 15, 1907	4.88
Oscar Ross Wheeler Camp No. 35.....	40	July 31, 1907	5.00
Defendam Camp No. 36.....	87	July 31, 1907	10.88
Norman W. Crosby Camp No. 37.....	27	July 29, 1907	3.38
Saml. M. Porter Camp No. 45.....	65	July 9, 1907	8.13
Col. Walter Scott Camp No. 42.....	50	July 12, 1907	6.25
Maj. John K. Sague Camp No. 44.....	96	July 23, 1907	12.00
E. M. Hoffman Camp No. 40.....	43	July 15, 1907	5.38
Sergt. Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46....	78	July 19, 1907	9.75
Naval Camp No. 49.....	59	July 3, 1907	7.38
Franklin C. Warner Camp No. 52.....	35	July 3, 1907	4.38
Louis W. Carlisle Camp No. 56.....	53	July 18, 1907	6.62
Wm. Cary Sanger Camp No. 57.....	12	July 9, 1907	1.51
Saratoga Camp No. 58.....	50	July 20, 1907	6.25
David Wilson Camp No. 59.....	10	Aug. 20, 1907	1.25
Capt. Allyn Capron Camp No. 60.....	44	July 9, 1907	5.50
McKinley Camp No. 62.....	54	July 31, 1907	6.75
Bruso Chauncey Camp No. 41.....	17	May 27, 1907	2.00
G. D. Russell Camp No. 43.....	68	July 2, 1907	8.50
Hoosick Camp No. 63.....	37	June 25, 1907	4.63
Adm. B. H. McCalla Camp No. 65.....	40	July 31, 1907	2.50
Total.....			\$309.10

II. Upon the proposed legislation relating to the preference law regarding the U. S. W. V., Department Judge Advocate Simmons moved, and it was unanimously adopted, "That a conference committee of five be constituted to confer with the Legislative Committee of the G. A. R.; that said Conference Committee be composed of the Department Commander, Department Judge Advocate and three others to be selected by the Department Commander.

III. Department Judge Advocate Simmons offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted: "Be it ordered, that hereafter any Comrade desiring to visit the Department Headquarters upon official business pertaining to himself, must bear letter from his Camp Commander, stating that said Comrade is in good standing, giving the nature of his business, and that proper and favorable action had been taken thereon by the Camp and the Borough Council." Particular attention of Camp Commanders and all others is invited to the "Resolution" herein published and adopted by the Department Council of Administration, and a strict compliance is expected and must be exacted of all.

IV. The attention of Camp Commanders is invited to the necessity for a stricter compliance with the National Rules and Regulations and particularly to that portion which refers to members in arrears, as it has been brought to the attention of the Department Commander that numerous Comrades are being carried upon the rolls, who should have been suspended as provided for in section 22, Article 7, Rules and Regulations.

V. The Commander-in-Chief having brought to the attention of these Headquarters the fact that certain Comrades of this Department have been communicating direct with the National Headquarters instead of through proper channels, it is hereby ordered, that all correspondence of an official nature shall be forwarded through proper channels, as provided for in section 16, Article 9, Rules and Regulations.

VI. These Headquarters are in receipt of a communication from the Adjutant of Theodore Roosevelt Camp No. 10 of this Department in relation to the action taken by the Camp in the case of one Theodore D. Hess, a former member. Hess was a member of the Police Department of this city and was convicted of an offense against the laws of the land and has been expelled from the Theodore Roosevelt Camp by proper action of its Commander and as provided for in the Rules and Regulations of this Order.

VII. The Department Commander's attention having been called to the fact that some of the Camps are still working under the Rules and Regulations of 1904, which have since been

amended, it is directed that such Camps procure as soon as possible, through these Headquarters, the Rules and Regulations of 1907; and hereafter Camp supplies for this Department will be procured through these Headquarters.

VIII. Aides-de-Camp appointed since G. O. No. 1: Herbert W. Smith, Past Commander; Robert L. Ashman, Roosevelt Camp No. 10; James F. Court, Old Guard Camp No. 19; Frederick Harssen, Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46; Everett N. Marcy, Capron Camp No. 60.

IX. At the Department Encampment, held at Elmira, New York, September 9, 10, 11, 1907, the following resolution was adopted:

"That it be the sense of this Encampment that the U. S. W. V. Bulletin is hereby established as the official organ of the Department of New York."

In view of the above and in order that the official organ may be of the value contemplated by the Encampment, it is earnestly recommended that the Camps and Comrades lend their aid to the Bulletin by subscription and Camp printing. In no other way can an official organ be maintained.

X. It is with great pleasure that the Department Commander brings to the attention of the Camps the splendid conduct of the Comrade M. D. Russell Camp No. 2 of Troy, and other Comrades, who acted as the Hospital Corps at the parade of the Comrades of the G. A. R. during their National Encampment at Saratoga on September 11th last. This proved to be no idle ceremony, as our Comrades, owing to the inclemency of the weather, were able to render actual physical aid which was most timely, and which was highly appreciated by the G. A. R. and splendidly recognized on the floor of the Encampment.

XI. *Taps*.—These Headquarters announce with deep sorrow the untimely deaths of the following Comrades:

John Wilson, of Manhattan Camp No. 1, died July 3, 1907, of Bright's disease of the kidneys. Comrade Wilson was born in New York City in 1870. Was mustered into service of the United States as a musician in Company F, 12th New York Volunteers, May 13, 1898; mustered into Manhattan Camp January 14, 1905; and at the time of his death was an Alternate Delegate to the Department Encampment at Elmira.

William J. Bradley, of James M. Jarvis Camp No. 23, died September 6, 1907, of consumption. Comrade Bradley was born in Peekskill, N. Y., in 1876 and at time of death was 31 years of age. He enlisted in 1898 in Company G, 8th New York Volunteer Infantry as a private. Discharged November 3, 1898, as a corporal. Comrade Bradley was a valued member of his Camp, having been its Senior and Junior Vice-Commander.

Albert De Villeneuve, of General Guy V. Henry Camp No. 38, who died at Weehawken, N. J., September, 1907. Appropriate funeral services were held at his late residence, 46 Fourth street. Comrade De Villeneuve enlisted May 2, 1898, at New York City, as a private in Company K, 69th Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered out with his regiment January 31, 1899.

Frank C. Weborg, of Samuel M. Porter Camp No. 45, was born in Chautauqua county, N. Y., March 26, 1873. Enlisted as a private in Company E, 65th New York Volunteer Infantry, May 1, 1898, and was mustered out with his regiment November 19, 1898. Interment was made in Lake View Cemetery without military honors in compliance with the request of his relatives.

The sympathy of these Headquarters and of the Comrades of the Department is extended to the families and relatives of our departed and deeply mourned for Comrades. It is requested that the Camps of which our departed Comrades were members will observe the regular period of mourning, and may God have mercy upon their souls.

By order,

J. B. COGHLAN,

Department Commander.

Official:

WM. A. REARDON,

Department Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK,
UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

NEW YORK, *November 12, 1907.*

General Orders No. 3.

1. The appointment of Comrade Michael F. Howard, Commander of Admiral B. H. McCalla Camp No. 65, as Assistant Department Inspector for Greater New York, is hereby announced.

2. By Special Order No. 34, series 1907, from National Headquarters, dated October 24th, the Fourteenth Regiment Camp No. 12, has been authorized to take the numeral designation No. 14, lately made vacant by the consolidation of Seyburn Camp No. 13, and Liscum Camp No. 14, into the "Seyburn-Liscum Camp No. 13."

3. Appointment of Aides-de-Camp since last General Order:

A. M. Hall, Robert Anderson Camp No. 26.

John A. Gibson, E. M. Hoffman Camp No. 40.

Peter Lineen, Thomas H. Barber Camp No. 3.

H. P. Updyke, Major Louis B. Lawton Camp No. 39.

Henry A. McMahon, Niagara Falls Camp No. 7.

Bernhardt Wall, Manhattan Camp No. 1.

James A. Cooke, Guy V. Henry Camp No. 38.

Harry B. Grant, David Wilson Camp No. 59.

J. Dougherty, Joseph Decker Camp No. 20.

Julius Stahl, H. W. Lawton Camp No. 22.

Wm. F. Morgan, Capron Camp No. 22.

Frank Lakestream, Roosevelt Camp No. 10.

Chas. O. Davis, Geo. D. Russell Camp No. 43.

Joseph Kaiser, Geo. H. Tilly Camp No. 66.

George W. Billups, Admiral Philip Naval Camp No. 18.

4. In order to carry out the direction of the Annual Encampment, held at Elmira, August 5th, 6th, and 7th last, steps have been taken to pass the following:

"Concurrent Resolution.

"Proposing an amendment to section nine of article five of the constitution, relating to civil service appointments and promotions.

“Section 1. *Resolved* (if the Assembly concur), that section nine of article five of the constitution be amended to read as follows:

“Section 9. Appointments and promotions in the civil service of the State, and of all the civil divisions thereof, including cities and villages, shall be made according to merit and fitness, to be ascertained so far as practicable, by examinations, which, so far as practicable shall be competitive; provided, however, that honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines from the army and navy of the United States, who belong to the following classes, and who are citizens and residents of this State, shall be entitled to preference in appointment and promotion without regard to their standing on any list from which such appointment or promotion may be made, in the following order:

“1. Veterans of the late Civil War;

“2. Veterans of the late War with Spain or the incidental Insurrection in the Philippine Islands, or the Boxer Insurrection in China, who served prior to July 4th, 1902.

“Section 2. *Resolved* (if the Assembly concur), that the foregoing amendment be referred to the legislature to be chosen at the next general election of Senators, and that in conformity to section one, article fourteen, of the constitution, it be published for three months previous to the time of such election.”

It is a matter of vital importance that the Adjutant of each Camp in the State forward within the next fortnight, or within less time, if possible, a duplicate roster of the Camp containing the name, residence and Assembly District of each Comrade in the Camp, in order to enable the Department Headquarters forthwith to compile a roster of all Comrades of the State by Assembly Districts; each Camp Commander is directed immediately to communicate to the Judge Advocate, at his office, No. 198 Broadway, in the Borough of Manhattan, New York City, the names of one or more Comrades in the Camp of local influence, or who are sufficiently interested in the legislative programme to take up the work of communicating with the local Assemblyman and Senator, in favor of this secondary preference Constitutional amendment; and also the task of keeping the Comrades residing in the

local Assembly District organized into an active permanent committee. This bill will be referred to the Judiciary Committee of each house. The Assembly Judiciary Committee will not be appointed until January 1, 1908. The Judiciary Committee of the Senate, however, still holds office, and will hold office at the next session, and consists of the following members:

Chairman, George Allen Davis, 936 Ellicott Square, Buffalo, N. Y.

William B. Armstrong, 341 Powers Block, Rochester, N. Y.

Jotham P. Allds, Norwich, N. Y.

George H. Cobb, Watertown, N. Y.

Alfred R. Page, 27 William St., New York City.

Harry D. Hinman, Security Building, Binghamton, N. Y.

Sanford W. Smith, Chatham, N. Y.

W. J. Grattan, 192 Mohawk St., Cohoes, N. Y.

John Raines, Canandaigua, N. Y.

Patrick H. McCarren, 97 Berry St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

John C. R. Taylor, Middletown, N. Y.

John P. Cohalan, 692 Trinity Ave., New York City.

5. Work in connection with the above entailed much clerical labor which has interfered with the private work of the Department Judge Advocate, and the Department Commander has been requested to relieve him by the appointment of some Comrades who will co-operate with him in the performance of clerical work, for a moderate compensation, on such evenings as may be required. Comrades who can do so will please communicate with the Judge Advocate.

6. Article IX, section 18, of the Rules and Regulations, says: "The receipt of all Orders and Circulars shall be acknowledged to the office from which the same is promulgated."

By order,

J. B. COGHLAN,

Department Commander.

Official:

WM. A. REARDON,

Department Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK.

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

NEW YORK, *January 5, 1908.*

General Orders No. 4.

I. The Department Commander desires to call attention to the conduct of the Comrades of the Joseph S. Decker Camp No. 20 on the occasion of the funeral of the late Comrade Charles P. Sigel, of the G. A. R. Comrade Sigel was a brother of the late Franz Sigel. On this occasion eight Comrades of Decker Camp No. 20, U. S. W. V., acted as pall and body bearers, marching with the funeral party through the town, and then did the duty of a firing party at the grave. Throughout the ceremony our Comrades, under the command of Commander Dougherty, bore themselves in a manner which elicited the praise of everyone. Such an exhibition of true soldierly love between the older and the younger generations of Veterans deserves the commendations of everyone, and the Department Commander cannot speak too highly of the conduct of the Comrades upon this occasion, and it is to be hoped that similar acts upon the part of Comrades of this Department will be executed on all similar occasions.

II. Pursuant to the call of the Department Commander, the Council of Administration met December 28, 1907, at the Department Headquarters. In the absence of the Department Commander, Department Junior Vice-Commander John D. Driscoll presided. The following resolutions were passed:

“Resolved, A per capita tax of twelve and one-half cents is hereby levied for the six months beginning January 1, 1908, and Camp Commanders are directed to see that the said tax is paid upon the first day of the term for which it is levied, or as soon thereafter as possible.

“Resolved, That the members of the Council of Administration have learned with deep regret of the illness of the Department Commander, and earnestly hope for his ultimate and speedy recovery.

“Resolved, That the Department Encampment shall be held in the city of Troy August 3, 4 and 5, 1908.”

Further information relative to the Encampment will be given in future orders.

III. The attention of Camp Commanders is invited to the provisions as contained in G. O. No. 3, c. s., of these Headquarters, relative to the submission of duplicate rosters of Comrades of their Camps, the same to be submitted as early as possible, and addresses of Comrades should be furnished according to Assembly Districts to enable the Legislative Committee to properly perform the work which has been undertaken.

IV. The books of the Department Quartermaster have been audited by the following committee: The Department Judge-Advocate, Maurice Simmons, and Comrades Stein and Sawyer, and were found to be correct in every particular. The committee compliments most highly the Department Quartermaster upon the efficient manner in which he has kept the Department's accounts, and upon the comprehensive and exceptionally fine report which he has submitted to them.

The attention of Commanders of those Camps which have failed to remit their per capita tax for the period July 1 to December 31, 1907, is invited to the fact that the same is now past due and should be remitted without further delay.

V. Appointment of Aides-de-Camp since last General Order: Comrade Frank E. Neal, Col. Walter Scott, Camp No. 42; Comrade Herbert C. Perkins, Capt. Allyn K. Capron, Camp No. 60.

VI. In compliance with Article VI, section 5, of the Rules and the Regulations, the Department Commander announces with regret the dishonorable discharge from the organization of Comrade Theodore Hess, late a policeman of this city.

VII. Until further orders, all correspondence, excepting that of a personal nature to the Department Commander, will be forwarded to the Department Adjutant, William A. Reardon, at his office, No. 120 Dresden street, Brooklyn, N. Y., direct. This will in a great measure expedite the work of the Department and also relieve the Department Commander of a burden to which he has heretofore been unjustly subjected.

VIII. The attention of Camp officers is invited to the provisions of the Rules and Regulations as contained in Article IX, sections 18 and 19, also to paragraph 6, of G. O. No. 3, c. s., of

these Headquarters, dated November 12, 1907. A stricter compliance with said provisions in the future will result in much good to the Department and to the organization in general.

IX. It is with great pleasure that the Department Commander announces the establishment of another Camp in this Department, the same being designated as Searles Camp No. 67, and located at Flushing, L. I.

X. This Department is in receipt this day of G. O. No. 16, c. s., National Headquarters, in which the following is published for the information and guidance of all concerned: "Paragraph 1. Assistant Quartermaster-General Thomas F. Sullivan has tendered his resignation to the Commander-in-Chief, to take effect December 6, 1907, who has accepted it with deep regret, as he feels that the organization loses the services of an efficient and painstaking officer, and he takes this opportunity to thank Comrade Sullivan, on behalf of the U. S. W. V., for his faithful services."

XI. Taps.— It is with deep regret that Department Headquarters announces the death of the following Comrade:

Comrade Harry F. Gavigan, Manhattan Camp No. 1, late private Company D, 3d N. J. Vols., died December 9, 1907, and was buried in St. Peter's cemetery, New Brunswick, N. J., December 11, 1907, with full military honors, and at a meeting of Manhattan Camp No. 1, held December 28, 1907, taps were sounded in his memory.

By order,

J. B. COGHLAN;

Department Commander.

Official: WM. A. REARDON,

Department Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK.

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

NEW YORK, *February 10, 1908.*

General Orders No. 5.

1. The Department Commander invites the attention of all Comrades of this Department to the provisions as contained in Circular No. 1, 1908, of the National Headquarters, dated January 24, 1908, which is as follows:

In Memoriam.—The attention of the United Spanish War Veterans is called to the fact that February 15, 1908, is the tenth anniversary of the destruction of the United States battleship "Maine" in Havana Harbor, and Comrades are urged to take steps to have appropriate memorial exercises held in churches and public halls, addressed by suitable speakers, on that date or the Sunday nearest thereto, in honor of the Comrades who lost their lives at that time.

Many Camps hold such services on each anniversary, and it is to be hoped that this observance will become more general.

By order of

WALTER S. HALE,

Official:

Commander-in-Chief.

JOHN J. DWYER,

Adjutant-General.

2. Attention is again invited to the necessity for Commanders of Camps to have their Adjutants comply with the provisions of paragraphs 5 and 7 of G. O. No. 2; paragraph 6 of G. O. No. 3; also to paragraph 7 of G. O. No. 4. A stricter compliance with the provisions of said paragraphs is requested.

3. There are several Camps now in arrears for their per capita tax for the last term, and Commanders of said Camps are warned that unless the same be paid on or before the 15th inst., their Camps will have to be reported to the National Headquarters as delinquents and in bad standing.

Particular attention is invited to the provisions contained in instruction in G. O. No. 3, and again published in G. O. No. 4,

paragraph 3, of these Headquarters, and the Department Commander requests that the same be complied with without further delay.

Camp Commanders are advised that several Camps of this Department have failed to submit to the Department Adjutant a list of their officers for the present term. This information should be forthcoming at once, to enable the Department Adjutant to properly perform the duties of his office. Camp Commanders will please give this matter *immediate* attention.

4. On January 24th the Chief of Staff, accompanied by the Chaplain-General, the Department Adjutant and Department Mustering Officer, mustered in John V. Searles Camp at Flushing, L. I. The following officers were installed: Commander H. Stewart McKnight; Senior Vice-Commander Lincoln W. McLeod; Junior Vice-Commander Thomas J. Dooley; Adjutant Richard H. Brown; Quartermaster Alfred J. Tooker; Chaplain James F. Reynolds; Officer of the Day Edward Gilbert; Officer of the Guard, George Paton; Trustees John F. Klein, Herbert W. Smith, A. Edwin Schaff.

The Department Commander takes this opportunity of expressing his deep regrets for his nonattendance, which was due to illness.

On the 18th ultimo, the Department Commander, accompanied by his Staff, attended a reception and review tendered him by the Borough Council of Brooklyn at the 14th Regiment Armory, and takes this occasion to thank the officers in charge of the function, as also the Comrades who participated, for the courtesies extended to him.

5. There has been brought to the attention of these Headquarters information to the effect that there are numerous imposters applying to Camps for assistance. The Department Commander trusts that Comrades of the Order who are thus approached will be careful and ascertain that the applicant is worthy of the relief sought before extending same. If the applicant is found to be an imposter, he should be relieved of the button or emblem of the Order, which he may display and such action immediately reported to these Headquarters. If possible to do so, ascertain the name and address of the applicant.

The attention of all concerned is invited to the fact that the selection of the personnel of the Department Commander is of a personal nature, and is one of the prerogatives of his office.

Taps.

It is with deep regret that the Department Commander announces the death of the following Comrade:

Comrade Winsor P. French, Saratoga Camp No. 58, who enlisted as a private in Company L, 2d N. Y. V. I., and was discharged as Second Lieutenant of Company D, 201st N. Y. V. I., died January 24, 1908, and was buried at Saratoga Springs. Funeral was private. Suitable resolutions have been passed by his Camp and a copy forwarded to the family of the deceased. The sympathy of these Headquarters and of the Comrades of the organization is hereby extended to the family of the Comrade.

By order,

J. B. COGHLAN,
Department Commander.

Official:

WM. A. REARDON,
Department Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK.

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

NEW YORK, *March 5, 1908.*

General Orders No. 6.

I. The attention of Camp Commanders is again invited to the provisions, as contained in paragraph 2 of General Orders No. 4 of these Headquarters. It is hereby ordered that the same be immediately complied with. Camps who have failed to pay their per capita tax, National or Department, for last term and the present term, are directed to do so at once. The Adjutant-General having notified these Headquarters that several Camps of this Department are in arrears for their per capita tax to National

Headquarters for more than the present term, it is hereby ordered that the same be promptly transmitted to these Headquarters for transmission to National Headquarters.

II. The Department Commander finds it necessary to again call attention to the provisions as contained in paragraphs 3, 4, 7 of General Orders No. 4, c. s., of these Headquarters. A stricter compliance with said provisions is expected of all concerned. National Headquarters will return all communications forwarded unless the same are transmitted through these Headquarters.

III. The attention of all Comrades of this Department is invited to the fact that the National countersign, parole and test, have been changed from that which was used during the last administration. Camps which have paid the National and Department per capita tax and are in good standing have received this work. Any Camp which has paid its per capita and has not received this work should communicate with the Department Adjutant at his office without further delay. Only Camps in good standing will be given this information.

IV. The attention of Camps' officers is invited to the lack of interest and care, which is quite pronounced, in the preparation and submission of the semi-annual reports, and the Commander cannot too strongly urge upon the Comrades the necessity for greater care in the preparation of same.

V. As the Department Adjutant is compiling data for the purpose of publishing a Department Roster, Camp Commanders are directed to have their Adjutants furnish the Department Adjutant with the name, rank, company and regiment, or ship in which the Comrades served, and *Camp Adjutants are directed to submit at once a roster of their Camp officers for the ensuing term*, the same being necessary for the proper directing and transmission of communications. This matter should be *immediately* complied with.

VI. It is with great pleasure that the Department Commander announces the formation and installation of officers of Newell Rising Camp No. 68, Port Chester, N. Y. The Camp has a charter membership of twenty-six, and the greetings of the Department are hereby extended to our Comrades of this Camp. It is to be hoped that the membership of all Camps will materially increase

during this term under the influence and guiding hands of the present Camp officers.

VII. The attention of all concerned is invited to the fact that Department Headquarters have purchased a large quantity of supplies, and Camps will hereafter be supplied from these Headquarters.

VIII. Appointments of Aides-de-Camps since last General Order: Comrade Edward Fischer, Major Frank Keck Camp No. 53; Comrade James J. O'Connor, Marcus D. Russell Camp No. 2.

IX. The following is published for the information and guidance of all concerned:

"The Judge-Advocate requests Commanders to bring to the attention of Comrades holding positions in the Civil Service of the State, or of its political sub-divisions, the decision handed down by the Court of Appeals of this State on January 21, 1908, in the case of *The People ex rel. Roebesch v. President of the Borough of Queens*. The Court holds that the filing of a certificate in the Department at the time of appointment, showing that the employee is an honorably discharged soldier, etc., is insufficient to protect the employee from subsequent removal without a hearing. It is decided that if the employee desires to avail himself of the privilege of the veteran to a formal hearing on written charges with a right to review, before he can be removed, he must immediately bring to the attention of his chief the fact that he is entitled to veteran rights.

"The following is an extract from the opinion of the Court: 'Where an appointee or employee in the public service becomes aware of the intention of his superior in office to take steps to remove him from his position, it is incumbent upon such subordinate to make known to his superior the fact that he claims to be a volunteer soldier, sailor or fireman, if he desires to avail himself of the statutory privilege reserved to such veterans.'"

X. The Department Commander is pleased to announce the formation of an association of the Comrades of Greater New York, the same to be known and conducted as a "Mutual Aid Association." Its objects are very commendable and should appeal to every Comrade.

XI. Taps.—It is with deep regret that the Department Commander announces the death of the following Comrades:

Comrade Christopher A. Bogert, Past Adjutant Admiral B. H. McCalla Camp No. 65, who enlisted October 17, 1900, as a Private, in Company L, 18th U. S. Infantry, and after service in the Phillipines was discharged October 16, 1903, died Sunday, February 2, 1908, at St. Catherine's Hospital from an operation. The ceremonial service of the organization was held at the residence of the Comrade, No. 125 Richardson street, Brooklyn, on Tuesday evening, February 4th. Buried with military honors in Cedar Grove Cemetery. A firing squad was present and performed their duty, after which taps were sounded.

Comrade Thomas A. Haggerty, Gloucester Naval Camp No. 5, who served during the Spanish-American War as a Chief Master-at-Arms, 2d Naval Battalion, N. Y., and who was discharged as such at expiration of service, died February 11, 1908, after a short illness. Funeral was strictly private, and interment was made in Holy Cross Cemetery, Flatbush, L. I.

Comrade Frank J. Knapp, James M. Jarvis Camp No. 23, late principal musician, N. C. S., N. Y. V. I., died January 22, 1908. The funeral was private. Comrade Knapp was mustered into the James M. Jarvis Camp No. 23 July 27, 1904.

Comrade Phillip Roberg, Naval Camp No. 49, late sailmakers' mate U. S. S. "Minneapolis," died October 18, 1907, and was buried in the National Cemetery, Cypress Hills, East New York, with full military honors, the Comrades of Naval Camp No. 49 attending in a body.

The sympathy of these Headquarters and of the Comrades of the organization are hereby extended to the families and friends of our deceased Comrades.

By order,

J. B. COGHLAN,

Official:

Department Commander.

WM. A. REARDON,

Department Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK.

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

NEW YORK, *May 8, 1908.*

General Orders No. 7.

I. The attention of Camp Commanders is again invited to the provisions as contained in paragraph 2 of G. O. No. 4, c. s., of these Headquarters. Commanders of Camps who have failed to pay their per capita tax for periods past and present are directed to forward same immediately.

II. The attention of all Comrades of this Department is invited to the fact that the National Countersign and Parole have been changed from that which was used during the past six months. Camps which have paid the National and Department per capita tax and are in good standing should have received this work. Any Camp which has paid its per capita taxes and has not received it should communicate with the Department Adjutant at his office, No. 120 Dresden street, Brooklyn, N. Y., without further delay. Only Camps in good standing will be given this information.

III. Attention is again invited to the fact that the Department Adjutant is endeavoring to compile data from which to have printed a Department Roster. This data should be forthcoming immediately, as the matter is one which should interest each and every Comrade of the Department. Camp Commanders are directed to have their Adjutants furnish this data at once.

IV. The Department Commander invites attention of all Comrades to the proper observance of Memorial Sunday, May 24, at which time the Military Field Mass will be celebrated in the morning at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, and in the afternoon suitable and appropriate services will be held at the National Cemetery in East New York and elsewhere.

The Manhattan Borough Council respectfully invites our organization to attend the Memorial Services in honor of our deceased soldiers and sailors at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Fifth avenue and Fiftieth street, New York City, on Sunday after-

noon, May 24th, at 4 o'clock, to be conducted by the Rev. John P. Chidwick, formerly Chaplain of the battleship "Maine," and Past Chaplain-in-Chief of the United Spanish War Veterans. Assembly will be at the 71st Regiment Armory, 34th street and Fourth avenue, at 3 p. m. sharp, and the Division will move promptly at 3:30. Organizations on arriving at Armory will report to Major Thos. F. Lynch. The line of march will be west on 34th street to 5th avenue, thence north to the Cathedral.

Decoration Day, May 30, is the day set apart for the performance of that duty which we owe to our deceased Comrades, and it is to be hoped that all Comrades of this Department will participate in the exercises especially arranged for this occasion by the committees having them in charge. Public employees, whom the Government excuses from the performance of their official duties for this purpose alone, are expected to take an active part in these ceremonies, and Camp Commanders will do well to note all such absentees from their Camps. The Department Commander cannot too strongly urge upon all Comrades the necessity of appearing in the parades and taking an active part in the subsequent ceremonies, thereby establishing for our noble organization a reputation of which we may feel proud.

V. The attention of all concerned is invited to the necessity of forwarding immediately such requisitions for supplies as will be needed for Memorial Day, otherwise the Department Quartermaster will be unable to fill same. This matter is worthy of serious deliberation and consideration.

VI. The funds for Memorial Day expenses is now in the hands of the Memorial and Executive Committee, who are held responsible and accountable to the Comptroller of the City of New York for the proper distribution of the same, and the committee must account to the said Comptroller with proper vouchers for such expenditures. There being twenty-nine Camps in the greater City the committee will see that each Borough in the City will receive its proportionate share, in proportion to the number of Camps in said Borough to the total number of Camps in the City, but no distribution of this fund will be made in any Borough until all vouchers from said Borough have been sub-

mitted to and approved by the committee. All vouchers must be sworn to by the Commander and Adjutant of the Camp or the chairman and secretary of the Borough Council, and no vouchers will be approved or paid except for expenditures for the proper observance of Memorial Day. All vouchers must be made in triplicate and placed in the hands of the committee within fifteen (15) days after Memorial Day. Such vouchers may be sent either to H. E. Smith, Chairman, No. 175 Remsen street, Brooklyn, or to B. J. Fagan, Secretary-Treasurer, care of Elks Club, 59th street and 8th avenue, New York City.

VII. On Saturday, June 27, the monument to be erected in honor of our deceased Comrade, Joseph S. Decker, will be unveiled at Washington Park, Stapleton, Staten Island, New York harbor. The ceremonies will be conducted by the Comrades of Joseph S. Decker Camp No. 20, U. S. W. V., of Staten Island, assisted by the Decker Memorial Monument Committee. All Comrades of the organization are invited to attend, and in view of the fact that this is the first monument which has ever been erected to one of our Comrades in which the dress and all other surroundings conform strictly with the requirements of the United Spanish War Veterans, the Department Commander respectfully requests each and every Comrade of the organization to be present upon this auspicious occasion, and by their numbers demonstrate the fact that the United Spanish War Veterans of this Department are capable of doing something.

Commanders of Camps in the greater City and those of contiguous territory are directed to bring to the attention of the Comrades of their respective Camps notification of this function, and will report to the Department Adjutant after their next meeting, as soon as possible, the action taken by their Camp in reference to this important function, and also state whether their Camp will participate in the parade as a Camp or not, or take an active part in the attending ceremonies. All Camps of the greater City will receive in due time specific information regarding the celebration from the committee.

Captain George H. Tilly, Camp No. 66, together with the citizens of Jamaica, L. I., will hold a mammoth carnival June 4, 5 and 6 in honor of the opening of the subway extension to Jamaica, L. I. All Comrades of the organization are invited

to participate in this celebration affecting the welfare of all Boroughs of the greater City. Complete information concerning the nature of the celebration will be furnished all Camps by the committee having the affair in charge.

VIII. Attention is again invited to the provisions of paragraph 7, G. O. No. 4 c. s., of these Headquarters. A stricter compliance with said provisions will be found beneficial to all concerned.

The following appointments are announced to take effect from April 1, 1908:

To be Assistant Department Inspectors, Julius Werner, of W. C. Werner Camp No. 52 of Ilion, N. Y., for the territory including Syracuse, Herkimer, Utica and Ilion.

Comrade Commander Henry A. McMahon, of Niagara Falls Camp No. 7, for the territory including Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Jamestown and Tonawanda.

Comrade Henry Malcom, of Palmer Camp No. 28 of Albany, for the territory including Rochester, Whitehall, Mt. Vernon, Poughkeepsie and New Rochelle.

They will be respected and obeyed accordingly.

IX. The following Camps having failed to submit reports for the period, July 1 to December 31, 1907, Commanders thereof are directed to submit same without further delay: Camps Nos. 3, 4, 6, 8, 12, 15, 16, 17, 25, 27, 30, 31, 33, 36, 37, 42, 46, 47, 53, 54, 59, 61 and 66. Reports should be submitted promptly, and great care should be exercised in their preparation prior to their submission, otherwise it will be necessary to return same for correction.

The following Camps having failed to furnish the Department Adjutant with a list of their officers for the ensuing year, are directed to furnish same as soon as possible to enable the Department Adjutant to properly address communications. Too many communications are being returned by the postal authorities on account of indefinite, insufficient or wrong address, and this could be obviated if Adjutants would promptly furnish change of addresses of officers of their Camps. Delinquents: Camps Nos. 3, 6, 9, 15, 19, 27, 28, 31, 33, 40, 41, 47, 50, 54, 55, 57, 59, 61, 64, 67.

X. These Headquarters are in receipt of G. O. Nos. 4, 5 and 6 from National Headquarters. G. O. No. 5 contains much valuable information. G. O. No. 6 announces the death of Past Commander-in-Chief Harold C. Megrew, which occurred April 26, 1908, at Indianapolis, Ind. The Commander-in-Chief directs that all charters and colors be draped in black and all officers when in the uniform of the United Spanish War Veterans will wear the usual badge of mourning on the arm for a period of thirty days from April 26, 1908.

Taps.—It is with deep regret that Department Headquarters announces the death of the following Comrades:

Comrade Stephen J. Maloney, William H. Hubbell Camp No. 4, Department of New York, died March 26, 1908. Buried with military honors March 29, 1908. Comrade Maloney was a private of Company H, 14th New York Volunteers.

Edward F. Johnson, Admiral Phillip Naval Camp No. 18, U. S. W. V., died February 12, 1908, as a result of injuries sustained while at work in the Brooklyn Navy Yard. His funeral took place Saturday, March 14, 1908, from Fleet Street A. M. E. Church, Fleet street, Brooklyn, N. Y. Interment was made in Evergreen Cemetery and attended by full military honors.

Comrade James O. Culkin, of Robert C. Anderson Camp No. 26, died Saturday, March 14, 1908. His funeral took place March 17, 1908, and was accorded full military honors by a squad from Company L, 12th United States Infantry, from Fort Ontario, Oswego, N. Y. The deceased was a private in Company K, 7th Volunteer Infantry, and also served in the Philippines in Company A, 4th United States Infantry.

Comrade Edward W. Hopkins, of Gen. Guy V. Henry Camp No. 38, died April 15, 1908. Interment in St. Raymond's Cemetery, Westchester, N. Y., April 18, 1908. His funeral was attended by members of the Camp, who accorded him full military honors.

Comrade Adam Smith, of Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46, died April 10, 1908. Interment was made in New York Bay Cemetery, Jersey City, April 12, 1908. The Commander, attended by a detachment from the Camp, attended the funeral, and the remains were laid at rest with full military honors.

The sympathy of the Department is hereby extended to the relatives and friends of our deceased Comrades.

By order,

Official:

JOSEPH B. COGHLAN,

WM. A. REARDON,

Department Commander.

Department Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK,

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

NEW YORK, *July 10, 1908.*

General Orders No. 8.

I. The Department Commander desires to convey to the Comrades of the Department his sincerest thanks for the magnificent showing made upon the following occasions: Sunday, May 24th, Military Field Mass, Brooklyn Navy Yard; in the afternoon, attending memorial exercises of the Army and Navy Union; also attendance at other exercises of similar character Memorial Day, May 30th, and the Tunnel Opening Celebration, Jamaica, Long Island, June 4th. The responses of the Comrades upon these occasions were very commendable and the subject of favorable criticism by the public in general.

II. Pursuant to the call of the Department Commander, the Department Council of Administration met at Department Headquarters, June 20th, for the purpose of considering the advisability of changing the date for holding the Department Encampment. After careful and deliberate consideration and discussion, it was unanimously agreed to retain the original dates, August 3d, 4th and 5th.

At the Department Encampment, headquarters will be established and maintained at the Hotel Rensselaer, Troy, N. Y.

The Comrades of M. D. Russell Camp No. 2, of Troy, have prepared an elaborate program for the reception and entertainment of the members of the organization, and the ladies of M. D. Russell Auxiliary have performed similar service for the ladies of visiting Auxiliaries, whose Encampment will be held at the same time.

Arrangements are being perfected by the committee in charge looking to securing reduced rates, if possible, from all points in the Department Encampment, and notice of same will be announced through District Councils by the Secretary of said committee as soon as action is secured.

III. These Headquarters are in receipt of several communications from the Committee on Invitations of the Department of Massachusetts, inviting all Comrades in good standing to attend the sessions of the National Encampment, which will be held in the city of Boston September 1st, 2d and 3d.

The Department Adjutant has forwarded to each Camp in the Department blank certificates, upon which are to be certified the names of all who are to represent the various Camps in the Department and National Encampments. Particular attention should be paid to the printed instructions at the top of the certificates, and the same should be immediately executed and returned to the Department Adjutant, who will, upon the receipt of same, immediately forward the necessary credential cards. No cards will be issued prior to the receipt of the certificates, and Camps which have failed to forward the Department and National per capita taxes for past and present terms and who are not in good standing, as of record upon date for holding the Encampment, will not be entitled to or allowed representation in the Encampments. Any Camp which has failed to receive the certificate blanks should immediately communicate the fact to the Department Adjutant at his office, No. 3147 Fulton street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

IV. The Department Commander is pleased to announce the establishment of another Camp, the same being designated as Camp Cook No. 69, and located at Haverstraw, N. Y. This Camp was duly mustered, and the officers thereof installed by the Department Mustering Officer, ably assisted by the Department Judge-Advocate and Past Junior Vice-Commander John T. Oates on the evening of June 30, 1908. The Department Mustering Officer desires to convey to the two Comrades mentioned his sincerest thanks for their able assistance rendered upon this occasion.

V. The ceremonies attending the unveiling of the monument erected to the memory of our deceased Comrade, Joseph S. Decker, which were to be held at Stapleton, S. I., on June 27th, were

necessarily postponed. Due notice of the event and attending ceremonies will be announced at a later date.

VI. This being the last communication which will be issued by the present Administration, the Department Commander takes this opportunity of expressing his gratitude to the Department Officers and those Comrades who, by their loyalty and fidelity to duty, have aided to make his administration a success, and who have assisted in promoting the spirit of harmony which prevails throughout the entire Department. In taking leave of my Comrades, I desire to thank one and all for the honor conferred upon me in electing me your Department Commander, and trust that the cordial relations existent at this time may forever continue.

Taps.—It is with deep regret that Department Headquarters announces the death of the following Comrades:

Comrade William H. Carr, of Major Frank Keck Camp No. 53, died at his late residence, No. 158 West Ninety-eighth street, New York City, April 20, 1908, of tuberculosis. Buried at Mount Hope cemetery, New York City, April 23, 1908, with full military honors, Comrades of Major Frank Keck Camp No. 53, U. S. W. V., and a detail from Company K, 71st N. Y. V. I., attending. Comrade Carr served during the war with Spain as Quartermaster-Sergeant of Company K, 71st N. Y. V. I., and was mustered out with his regiment November 15, 1908.

Comrade John F. Storin, of Neptune Naval Camp No. 30, died at his late residence, No. 113 Lynch street, Brooklyn, N. Y., June 6, 1908, after a lingering illness. Buried June 9th in Calvary cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y., with full military honors. Comrade Storin enlisted March 30, 1898, and served on U. S. S. Minneapolis until honorably discharged at expiration of service.

The sympathy of these Headquarters and of the Comrades of the Department is hereby extended to the families, relatives and friends of our deceased Comrades.

By order of

JOSEPH B. COGHLAN,

Official: WM. A. REARDON, *Department Commander.*

Department Adjutant.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

W. A. REARDON,

Department Adjutant.

It is moved and seconded that the report of the Department Adjutant be accepted and spread upon the minutes.

An amendment was offered to the effect that that portion of the Adjutant's report recommending that the records of the Department be kept secret from every one except upon a majority vote of the Department Council of Administration be stricken out.

COMRADE CUNNINGHAM:

I would like to have the Adjutant give his reasons for that recommendation. As I understand it, the reason the Department Adjutant has inserted that is to keep from individual Comrades information pertaining to delegates which concern only the organization. Now, to come out plainly, in some cases the different candidates in the field, from time to time, at different encampments have put their supporters to work asking the Adjutant or the headquarters to send them a list of delegates so as to get to work electioneering for their benefit. That is the reason, I believe, that the Department Adjutant has inserted that clause in his report.

C. A. SIMMONS:

If you will pardon the suggestion, it seems to me that a discussion to strike out because it does not meet with our approval, is not in order, I make an amendment to the amendment to refer such parts of it as relate to any change in the method of procedure to the committee on rules and regulations.

There being no objection, the Chair rules that inasmuch as no report has been made by the Committee on Credentials, the matter should be postponed until to-morrow's session when the report of the Committee on Credentials shall have been received.

On the original question the report of the Department Adjutant as before set forth, is accepted by the unanimous vote of the meeting and ordered spread upon the minutes.

Adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Department Commander resumes the Chair and calls the encampment to order.

THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER: We will now hear the reading of the Inspector's report.

Department Inspector's Report.

Report of George W. McCune, Department Inspector, United Spanish War Veterans, for the term ending August, 1908.

Pursuant to orders I herewith submit the following report of the inspection of the camps of the department conducted by myself and staff during the year now drawing to a close.

In that time thirty-seven camps were inspected.

In looking over the inspection returns, I found all of the thirty-seven camps in excellent condition, many with a steady growth in membership which augured well for the future, and with a spirit of loyalty and progressiveness which showed the feelings of pride which every man evinced in the principles of our noble order, Freedom, Patriotism and Humanity.

It is with the greatest pleasure that I desire to acknowledge the splendid services rendered by my Assistant Department Inspector, Michael F. Howard of Admiral B. H. McCalla Camp No. 65 of Greater New York. During the past year, this comrade inspected all the camps in New York City and Mount Vernon, discharging those duties with a faithfulness and soldierly efficiency that merit the thanks of every member of the department.

To all the members of my staff and particularly to Comrade Julius Werner of F. C. Warner Camp No. 52 of Ilion, New York, my thanks are due for their faithful performance of the duties assigned to them in the inspection of the camps under their jurisdiction.

I herewith offer the following communication received through official channels.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., April 16, 1908.

To Department Encampment:

SIRS AND COMRADES: I respectfully commend to the Department Encampment for its approval and endorsement, the Joseph S. Decker Camp No. 20 of Stapleton, Staten Island, for the good work it has performed in having raised by public subscription the sum of \$1,000, for the purpose of erecting a monument, to commemorate the soldier and sailor dead of Richmond county, New York.

Hoping this will meet with the approval of the Department Encampment, I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

M. F. HOWARD,

Assistant Department Inspector.

The following camps have been organized since the Fourth Department Encampment of the Order held at Elmira:

John V. Searles Camp No. 67, Flushing, L. I.

Newell Rising Camp No. 68, Port Chester, N. Y. New Camps have been chartered during the past month in Hudson and Corning.

In conclusion, I desire to return thanks for the promptness and uniform courtesy extended me in the discharge of my duties and to the Department officers and those who have been associated with me during the past year my appreciation of their services and assistance is hereby gratefully acknowledged.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) GEORGE W. McCUNE,

Department Inspector.

COMRADE DOWNS:

I move that the report of our Department Inspector be received and spread upon the minutes. Being duly seconded, this motion was unanimously carried.

The next order of business was the reception of the report of the Judge-Advocate, which was read to the Encampment as follows:

Judge-Advocate's Report.

To the Fifth Annual Encampment of the Department of New York, United Spanish War Veterans:

COMRADES.—Within the scope of this report, it were folly to endeavor to compress the details accompanying my administration of office. Only events of moment have been bared. The inner truth of occurrences has been pictured, mindful of their relation to the Order alone, and mindless of their effect on the individual. In August, 1907, I was installed as Judge Advocate. The Elmira Encampment committed itself to a program of legislation, in some measure fostered by your servant, the details of which for several years had been in process of crystallization. Guided by the mandate of the Encampment, I immediately initiated acts having for their object, the amendment of Section 9 of Article 5 of the State Constitution, by the incorporation therein of a provision granting to Veterans of the late War with Spain, the incidental Insurrection in the Phillipine Islands, and the Boxer Insurrection in China, who served prior to July 4, 1902, a preference in the Civil Service secondary to that enjoyed by Veterans of the late Civil War. As I was delegated to invoke privileges parallel to those possessed by Union Veterans, it will be profitable at this juncture to digest three of the requisites of that section of the Constitution, viz.:

(1) It refers to those employees only who are selected, "by examinations, which, so far as practicable, shall be competitive."

(2) It applies only to residents of this State.

(3) It affords a preference not only in initial appointments, but also in promotions.

The results sought, are only obtainable by Constitutional modification, the processes for the attainment of which are the passage of a joint resolution by one legislative body, without the necessity of Gubernatorial sanction, its adoption by the next succeeding State Legislature, containing a newly elected Senate, and its submission to the people for approval or rejection at the ensuing general election.

The discussion of glittering generalities, the formulation of pompous resolutions, and the golden phrasing of orators at En-

campments although soothing and self-satisfying, have in the last analysis, year after year, left us barren of legislative fruits. Systematic action alone is required. The lower Chamber of the Legislature of 1908 was selected at the fall elections preceeding. It was deemed advisable to poll the opinion of the various candidates in order to guide our comradeship in an intelligent exercise of the suffrage, and as an auxiliary to the work of securing a legislative majority. The method employed was one justified by experience and effective in the propaganda of other organizations. More than 300 formal communications, enclosing the proposed measure were forwarded to the Assembly nominees of the two leading political parties (Exhibits "A" and "B"). Of the replies received, some 100 were favorable and thirty-five of those, subscribing pledges were elected. For the guidance of my successor, I annex "Appendix A" which enumerates the statutes affecting the filing of nominations.

Wisdom dictated that we procure the co-operation of the G. A. R. Lack of mutual knowledge between both veteran orders had served in the past to array them at cross-purposes, and even in legislative antagonism. Communications were exchanged which opened the channels of cordiality and sympathy (Exhibits "C" "D" & "E"). How that sympathy ripened into formidable support for our purposes will be narrated later.

A problem laden with difficulties was the selection of a trustworthy sponsar for the resolutions in each Chamber. Was he a member of the majority? Were his professions sincere? Was he a person of prestige? As a formal courtesy any legislator will present a measure unless it be plastered with imbecilities. At previous sessions after the measure had been introduced and referred to the Judiciary Committee, it had been quietly interred in the political Potter's Field.

Prudence required, therefore, that our legislative champion should be found on the Committee itself — some incorruptible man who could prevent its strangling in the secret recesses of the Committee room. After the legislature had convened and Committee appointments had been announced in January, 1908, I arranged a conference at the Fort Orange Club, Albany, in which participated the Department Commander, the Hon. Alfred R.

Page, the Governor's personal representative in the Senate, the Speaker of the Assembly, Hon. James W. Wadsworth, Jr., and your servant. The Senator had at a preceding session advocated preferential legislation. The speaker was a comrade of L. Boardman Smith Camp No. 25 of Rochester. Preliminary to a review of this conference, a cursory view of contemporaneous opinion and proceedings will be illuminating. Without the sanction of our Headquarters individual Assemblymen, benevolently inclined, but of limited influence had introduced preferential and other measures for the promotion of our interests. The personality of the authors gave no assurance of their passage, while the multitude of the bills offered lent color to the protestation that the Spanish War Veteran was a greedy seeker of special privilege. This premature presentation drew the fire of our enemies before the Order was thoroughly fortified in its plans. Correspondence was had with influential comrades, who intimately sounded political opinion in their respective communities.

Their messages were resonant with a note of despair.

They advised the unconditional surrender of our preferential project. Recourse was had to the counsel of friendly legislators. Comrades in the Assembly contributed their private knowledge. All painted a hopeless prospect. On the eve of our arrival for the conference the Civil Service Commission of the State had issued its scathing pronunciamento. The caustic pen of an ungrateful press was deriding our claims and minimizing our services. In this hostile atmosphere was held the first Albany conference. Speaker Wadsworth stated with deliberation that he was peculiarly in a position to dissect legislative opinion, that our quest was a futile one, and he urged its peremptory abandonment. Senator Page detailed his fruitless endeavors to get a similar measure from committee, and epitomized the failures of the past. He pointed out that at the distance of a decade from the war, the edge of gratitude had dulled, that the principle of equality in Civil Service was now interwoven with permanence in the fabric of the State, and that public opinion would never again tolerate preferential advancement. For three hours the distinguished Admiral and myself resisted the inevitable. After submitting successive compromises we sadly realized that the only

hope for the Spanish War Veteran must be founded on a ten per cent. preferential resolution with a provision containing a five years' limitation of residence. The Speaker's instrumentality in molding the measure carried with it the implication of his advocacy. Disappointed but not despairing, we bowed to the situation, believing that the measure would act as an entering wedge for the ultimate establishment of the principle. Let no man, unless his fingers felt the pulse of the situation and unless his heart was scorched in the flame of the ensuing struggle, raise his voice in hostile criticism of that compromise. To the hands of Hon. J. M. Fowler of the Assembly Judiciary Committee, Past Commander of Colonial Camp, No. 25, and in the keeping of Hon. George H. Cobb, of the Senate Judiciary Committee vouched for by L. W. Carlisle Camp, No. 56, the good faith of both of whom was above reproach, both members of the majority party, and influential in its deliberations, was entrusted the sponsorship of the new born resolution ("F").

To challenge the assertion so dogmatically made by the Civil Service Commissions and others, that preferential statutes were obsolete and inequitable in the policy of nations, I undertook the task of communicating with the Attorney-General of every State and Territory in our Union (Exhibit "G") and with the American Ambassador or Minister accredited to each of the civilized governments of the world (Exhibit "H") to induce him to ascertain what statutory provision was made for the soldier and sailor who served in war or in peace. The information came at various times and in various languages, rich in volume and ripe with results. It showed that the statutory trend of modern states within the last decade affirmed the principle of preferential recognition for military service. This legislation is too bulky to add as an appendix. It has, however, been repeatedly summarized in the columns of the press (New York Chief, April 4, 1908, New York Evening Sun, April 3, 1908), and condensed by me in official circulars (Exhibits "I" and "J").

Secret reports from Albany indicated that the measure would die in committee by reason of the enormous influences focussing in opposition. There became manifest an organized antagonism operating from two sources, one the Civil Service Commissions

and the Civil Service Reform Associations, and the other the machine politicians. The basis of the attacks of the former were that the measure would create inequality before the law and would foist a body of incompetent civil servants on the appointive power. The hostility of the latter was a more sinister and efficacious one. The efficiency of the machine depends upon its reservation of political place as a political reward for party services rendered by party workers. The politician apprehended that the enactment of the resolution would in future despoil the faithful of their sole subsistence and pre-empt public place for the veterans. The occasion was fraught with peril. This crisis could not be met by feminine whimpering or apologetic supplication. Forthwith the State was divided into districts. The comrades resident in each were placed under the commandership of a leader who fought first and criticised afterwards. Militant committees besieged the local legislator. Strong in number and undeterred in purpose they exacted the pledge of his voice and vote. Finding the newspapers arrayed in grim opposition, they gave and took in every hamlet and city of the State. The press of Buffalo, Rochester, Albany, Troy and New York re-echoed with the din of the controversy. Literature in abundance was sent to each camp in the Department. More than 5,000 copies were issued of the circular entitled "The Crisis" (Exhibit "J"). Some 250 copies of the brief "A Word for the Soldier," were forwarded the members of the Legislature, and others prominent in the public life at the Capitol. The hearings on our measures before the Judiciary Committees mark an epoch in our Order. The walls and corridors leading into the Committee rooms were lined with Spanish War Veterans. Never before had a similar number of our comrades congregated in the Capitol.

For three days amid skillful maneuvers, wearying anxieties and unselfish sacrifices they held the arena. When the smoke cleared, the first engagement had been won. The bills issued triumphantly from both Committees. In the process of amendment, however, it was made mandatory that the applicant for position should first have attained standing on the eligible list, and should have been at the time of enlistment a resident of New York. Our speakers before the Assembly Committee were the

Department Commander, Comrades H. E. Smith and William A. Coakley, of Gloucester Camp, Ex-Judge Lewis E. Griffith, National Senior Vice-Commander of the G. A. R., and the Chairman of its State Committee on Legislation, and the Judge Advocate. Before the Senate Committee, they were re-enforced by the services of Past Commander-in-Chief Hamilton Ward, and Commander, Frederick C. Kuehnle, of Roosevelt Camp, No. 10. Comrade Hamilton Ward abandoned important litigation to respond to our call for his scholarly services. Comrade William A. Coakley, influenced the adoption of, and filed with each committee the resolutions of the Central Federated Union of New York City, representing 250,000 organized workmen who strongly advocated the passage of the resolution. Powerful influences in public life were successfully invoked on the scene of action. The crowning feature of both hearings was the invigorating eloquence of Ex-Judge Griffith. His voice vibrating with conviction, and dissipating all lingering doubt, he thundered in the halls of legislation, that in this fight the men of '61 were marching side by side with the boys of '98. A sincere and noble-purposed man, we shall ever be in his debt. The names of the other comrades who at great hardship to themselves left their several vocations to attend these legislative hearings are: Commander W. Martin Watson, Camp 53, and Past Department Inspector, James S. Long, the latter, one of the most efficient and capable workers in the Order, Commander Harry A. F. Young, and Past Commander Clinton P. Hamilton, of Hubbell Camp, No. 4; Comrade John J. O'Rourke of Decker Camp No. 20, Comrade Joseph Lewis of Jarvis Camp No. 23, Quartermaster Benjamin K. Walbridge of Saratoga Camp No. 58, Commander William F. Morgan of Capron Camp No. 22, an influential Committee from Griffin Camp No. 11, of Schenectady, viz., its Senior Vice-Commander Garret V. Johnson, Quartermaster William Boldt, Bert Secor, and Comrade Frank Hoppman, Commander F. W. Boardman, of Scott Camp No. 42; the Binghamton workers, to wit: Past Commander C. J. Stoltz, Comrades Charles Hinman, A. K. Roberts and C. H. Hitchcock, all of Barber Camp No. 3; the Albany detail, Commander J. H. Ehmann, Comrades William P. Malcolm, William H. Kyle, Fred C.

Lutz, and Comrades Burton, Frederick Miller, Taggart, Van Wagener, Wagner and Weishart, all of Palmer Camp No. 28, the Troy contingent, to wit: Commander W. H. Riley, and Comrades H. G. Gleason, Samuel E. Rounds, George McCune, James J. O'Connor, William J. Cunningham, Arthur W. Sherhams, F. A. Tatro, Edward R. Lewis, Harry J. Gleason, Phillip O'Connor, Vedder Hagerman, Albert Kussman, Bernhardt Hilt and Christian Johnson, and many others.

Astounded by the unexpected results in committee, the press of our State sounded an alarm. New and powerful allies appeared. Comprehensive counter measures were instituted by the State Patrolman's Association and various local police and firemen's associations. Every legislator experienced the pressure. The members were caught between warring influences. So successfully, however, had the rank and file of our order labored that in the early stages of the campaign more than three-fourths of the membership of each chamber had been favorably pledged. The legislator at most is an opportunist. To redeem his pledge to us, meant the estrangement of the powerful electoral influence of the police and firemen. To reject our measure, despite his sacred pledge would be an act of dishonor that would invite his political extinction by the veterans. He dared not go on record. All the chicane and subtle processes of politics were employed to prevent a recorded vote. On the issuance from committee, a vote by roll-call should have followed in each chamber. But week followed week while the grip of an invisible hand kept the situation at a standstill. By dogged persistence, action was forced. On April 14, 1908, a few weeks before the close of the session, I was called into consultation with the speaker at Albany. At this conference were present Mr. Wadsworth, Assemblyman Fowler, Senior Vice-Commander Roosa and others. The unanimity and the cheerlessness of the views expressed came as a shock. Before entering the conference, the Senior Vice-Commander who had labored zealously for the perfection of our measures, informed me that from authentic information in his possession, he was convinced that the bills would be rejected, and stated that by insisting on a record vote he had learned that the Order would antagonize friendly and powerful influences. The members of

the conference expressed their belief that the resolution would be decisively rejected by the Senate. The Speaker who had pledged himself to its passage in his chamber stated that in view of the certainty of its defeat by the upper house that it would be a useless formality to procure its passage in his chamber, but stated that he was prepared to keep his promise to our Order. Every argument was addressed to me for the abandonment of the measure. Unsupported in my views, I replied that I regarded such a course as ignominious surrender, that I did not fear defeat in the Senate, as the bulk of its membership was pledged, and while I knew that the Speaker would manage the Assembly, that I was not desirous of embarrassing him, that I would, however, force a roll-call in the Senate, and meeting defeat there as predicted by the Speaker, I would abandon the measure for the session; that, however, should the resolution pass the Senate, I would call upon the Speaker, to redeem his pledge; that, as Judge Advocate, I was vested with no personal discretion, but was acting as the spokesman of 30,000 comrades who demanded a roll-call even though the cause went down to defeat. To this proposition, the Speaker and the other conferees eagerly subscribed. On April 20, 1908, a vote by roll-call was forced in the Senate. The results were a close approximation to those foreshadowed in the confidential reports of comrades. The measure prevailed by a vote of 37 to 8, those voting against it being Agnew of New York, Armstrong of Rochester, Davis of Buffalo, Dunn of Rochester, Fanchot of Salamanca, Fuller of Kings, Hinman of Binghamton and White of Syracuse. If you value the aims of the Order mark these names. Final victory seemed assured. The Assembly in rules was under the Speaker's domination. Comrade Wadsworth was pledged. An overwhelming majority in his chamber were obligated. The day after its triumphant passage, the resolution should have received consideration in the Assembly. Instead, however, for several days, there was an ominous delay, but the situation was in the palm of the Speaker's hand. He could make or mar. The delay was exasperating. The Speaker was now bombarded with telegrams demanding the redemption of his pledge. What followed is chronicled in the May issue of "Good Government" (p. 40 in

Appendix 2, p. 2), the organ of the National Civil Service Reform League. "There (in the Assembly) the bill was in the hands of the Committee on Rules, which reported the bill on April 23, the last day of the session. The difficulty of defeating the bill at this stage lay in the fact that the members of the Assembly, while opposed to the measure, were averse to going on record as opposed to the 'Veteran.' If the bill could be defeated without a roll-call, there was little chance of its passage. In the Assembly, a vigorous attack on the measure was made by Assemblyman John Lord O'Brian and D. C. Robinson. Finally, Assemblyman W. A. Shortt moved to amend the bill, by striking out the provision relating to Veterans of the Boxer uprising. The motion was carried by a rising vote, the supporters of the measure being unable to secure the necessary ten votes for a slow roll-call. The amendment defeated the bill as the Legislature was to adjourn before the bill could be printed."

In the closing weeks of the Session, I received private assurances that should there be eliminated the clause granting a preference in promotions, the resolution could be passed without any semblance of opposition. Such a change would exclude a large fraction of our actual membership employed in the Civil Service of the State, and its subdivisions from its benefits, and might thereby work a grave injustice. The offer was rejected. The Judge-Advocate preferred the chances of war to a victory purchased at such a sacrifice. The annexed correspondence with the Speaker and others require careful perusal (Exhibits K, L, M, N, O, P).

From the post mortem jubulations of our enemies may be gathered hints for future guidance. "Good Government" after appropriating to Civil Service Reformers the sole credit for the asphyxiation of the resolution (May issue, 1908, p. 39), observes editorially in part as follows: "The fight will have to be fought again next year — and the years that follow. But there is cause for congratulation that the opening battle has been won. This is the first year that the passage of this legislation has seriously threatened in New York," and after reciting the alleged causes that contributed to our strength, continues: "Thus intrenched it is not surprising that the veterans were defeated not by direct

assault but by a flank movement (ed. 11, p. 42). From newspaper reports and editorial comment gathered in Appendix B are extracted the following observations:

New York Press, April 24, 1908.—“Another surprise was the defeat of the Constitutional amendment, creating a discrimination of ten per cent. in Civil Service examinations for veterans of the Spanish-American War, the Phillipine Islands and the Boxer campaign. Mr. Shortt of Richmond obtained an amendment, excluding the soldiers who served in the Phillipines and the Assembly refused to accept the emasculated proposition.”

New York Tribune, April 22, 1908.—After describing the unexpected success of the resolution in the Senate, and characterizing it as an attack by special privilege on democratic institutions, urges: “The time to combat a constitutional amendment is in its inception. If it passes one legislature it is almost impossible for members of the next with the example of their predecessors to influence them, to resist the appeals of combined selfishness, and the tendency of the people, thoughtlessly, to adopt an amendment submitted to them is proverbial.” Then follows the characterization of our comrades as “these inferior persons,” an ironical reference to service in camp at Chickamauga, together with this passage: “It has not passed the Senate, because it is really approved by the law makers, but in spite of their disapproval, the votes for it are due to the agitation of an organized body, seeking the advantage of its own members, regardless of the public interest, which members of the legislature do not wish to offend,” and concludes, “Everything depends upon the ability of the members of the Rules Committee in these last days of the session to stand against a special interest for the welfare of the whole State.”

New York Sun, April 22, 1908.—“The legislature seems likely to celebrate its adjournment by passing the Spanish War Veteran preference resolution which would add ten per cent. to the markings of all candidates for Civil Service jobs who had served in the Spanish War, the Phillipine Islands or the Boxer uprising,” and then follows a denunciation of the measure as a “grab.”

New York Evening Mail, April 20, 1908.—“It does not follow that all men who do a little service in subsequent national skirmishes are entitled to this position of favor,” and refers to the

younger volunteer as a class "who came as near fighting for Uncle Sam as to go into camp in some salubrious and peaceful spot within our borders—" and as "men who have had a remote relation to some small war and whose sympathies with the Nation's defense looks backward rather than forward."

The campaign for preference was waged for eight months. The response of the rank and file to the battle call of the order was an inspiring revelation. Critics had charged that it was lapsing into stagnation. They misjudged. Just a hand to point the pathway, and the order rose in its dignity and strength. The thousands who consecrated themselves to labor and sacrifice in that fight felt the touch of mutual obligation as never before. The press and the public were impressed by the magnitude of the order. The charge that it was a paper organization was forever negated. The politician who of old had leered at its claims with smiling contempt now listened with respectful fear — so fearful that on that final day in the Assembly, he crawled in the slime and lurked in the darkness, trembling that the outraged Order would confront him at the polls. What punishment shall be meted out to these men for maligning our motives and betraying their pledges? What shall be done with Shortt of Richmond, a recreant to his honor (Exhibits R, S and T), to Robinson of Elmira and O'Brian of Buffalo? Shall we suffer their assaults in silence? Smarting under its wounds, will the Order crawl away, wearing the white badge of cowardice? Shall we listen to the suppressed tones of those delicate souls that whisper, "don't antagonize them — that's politics?" Shall we crouch in silence like weaklings, or strike back like men, in whose veins run the red blood of heroic service on land and sea? This is my message: Go into their political districts. Cling to your partisan convictions, but as to these men, remember that you are United Spanish War Veterans. Man every election district at the polls. The duty of the hour is to drive them from public life, so that when the next Legislature convenes, the black crepe of defeat will hang from its walls, and their colleagues will realize that the United Spanish War Veterans know how to consign their foes to the political morgue.

The fight brought out into bold relief the real workers of our Order. The tireless talker saved his ammunition for the scarred

worker in the moment of anguished defeat. It seems unjust to the men who rendered such signal service not to enumerate them all. The limits of this report, however, permit me only to name the following: Commander Terry A. Ball, and Past Commander C. S. Martin of Anderson Camp No. 26, who so satisfactorily controlled the Oswego situation; Past Commander G. Leroy Travers of Carlisle Camp No. 56, who selected the Senatorial sponsor of the resolution, Adjutant Perl A. Butts, and Quartermaster Frederick W. Hyde of Porter Camp No. 45, in command of Jamestown and contiguous territory; Past Department Inspector Alfred J. Kennedy, and Commander Joseph Kaiser of Tilly Camp No. 66, who enlisted the solid legislative delegation of Queens county, Commander H. B. Updyke, Adjutant E. A. Rose of Lawton Camp No. 39, Past Commander John F. Dwyer of Gloucester Naval Camp No. 5, who quietly attracted legislative adherents; Adjutant Frank D. Lakestream of Roosevelt Camp No. 10, so effective in the borough of the Bronx; Daniel J. Murphy and James F. Court, Past Commanders of Old Guard Camp No. 19, who responded to every call with cheerful alacrity; Commander Leo A. Thelan of Smith Camp No. 25, who waged a brilliant fight in Rochester; Adjutant Julius Werner of Warner Camp No. 52, Adjutant Warren M. Eckweiler and Q. M. Albert Franke of Hubbell Camp No. 24, Commanders John S. Adair of Manhattan Camp No. 1, Clinton C. Yeamans of Carmer Camp No. 8, W. E. Prendergast of the 14th Regiment Camp, William C. Wild of Admiral Schley Naval Camp No. 16, W. H. Holmes of Phillip Naval Camp No. 18, W. J. Anderson of Lawton Camp No. 21, Frank J. Gill of Anderson Camp No. 26, August Ziegler of Overton Camp No. 29, John Howard of Neptune Naval Camp No. 30, J. J. Murphy of Griffin Engineers No. 31, William P. Holland of Riley Camp No. 34, Peter N. Bartnett of Crosby Camp No. 37, Terence J. O'Donnell, of Guy V. Henry Camp No. 38, C. O. Davis of Russell Camp No. 43, William L. Burnett of Sague Camp No. 44, H. B. Davis of Fish Camp No. 46, W. J. Hansen of Naval Camp No. 49, F. W. Dunson, Comrade Albert W. A. Giersberg of Saratoga Camp No. 58, Walter V. McCoy of Wilson Camp No. 59, Sandford H. Thorne of Capron Camp No. 60, Paul V. Vandervelde of Kruse Camp No. 61, J. H. Dooley

of Kolb Camp No. 64, J. F. Ford of Admiral McCalla Camp No. 65, Jules E. Lecocq of Rising Camp No. 68, Adjutant Robert A. Doremus of McKinley Camp No. 62, Ernest W. Larkin, President of Brooklyn Borough Council, and Bernhardt Wall, President of the Manhattan Borough Council, Junior Vice-Commander James D. Driscoll, Senior Vice-Commander Phillip D. Roosa, who vigilantly reviewed conditions at Albany and Past Junior Vice-Commander John T. Oates, whose forceful personality evidenced itself in the fight, and Past Department Commander, Charles A. Simmons. I acknowledge with appreciation the stenographic and typewriting services continuously donated to the order by Comrades Beckhardt and Hoffman of Manhattan Camp No. 1, and particularly Comrade Freid of Old Guard Camp No. 19.

Towering above us all at Albany stood our beloved leader, Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan. Broken in health he did not hesitate to place himself in jeopardy by personally marshaling our members at the Capitol. In his historic figure the spirit of the Spanish War found eloquent utterance. No labor was so lowly, no task so arduous that it did not feel the touch of his hand. He served his country in the prime of his physical vigor; as he served when service meant the enfeeblement of his wasted body. Honor, all honor to these men who with stout hearts and high purpose gave the best that was in them to our expanding purposes. They deserve well at the hands of this Encampment.

In the discharge of my official duties, I paid fifty-eight visits to camps and borough councils; decided 143 questions certified to me by camps and comrades, interviewed about 100 legislators and public men, and forwarded over 6,000 communications.

The length attained by this report deters me from the discussion of other vital problems, some of which are only casually identified in the following suggestions:

I recommend:

1. That the fight for preference go on, and if feasible that the new resolution contain a labor preference similar to that embodied in the Massachusetts measure, vetoed June 11, 1908, by acting Governor Eben S. Draper (Exhibit U).

2. That succeeding in the preferential propaganda the Order

shall gradually incorporate into law the following subsidiary measures:

(a) A bill to place regulars on an equality with volunteers under the Civil Service Removal Law;

(b) A bill to permit the distribution of poor relief by our Camps;

(c) A bill to empower cities and counties to furnish meeting places to our Camps;

(d) A bill to accord leave of absence with full pay to delegates and alternates to Departmental and National Encampments, who are employees of the State and its political subdivisions (Exhibits V, W, X, Y and Z).

3. Pathetic incidents in the Metropolis make the establishment of a General Relief Fund imperative. The plan elaborately formulated in the annual report of Past Department Commander Frank Keck requires studious reconsideration.

4. No program of legislation will be durable or successful unless regulated systematically by a board of trustees elected for at least three years, to the jurisdiction of which might also be submitted the distribution of relief funds.

5. There should be adopted separate laudatory resolutions to be sent to Hon. Joseph M. Fowler, Hon. George H. Cobb, Hon. James L. Whitley, Past Judge-Advocate of this Department, Hon. Lewis S. Griffiths, and the G. A. R. Department of New York.

6. Letters of approbation should be sent to the following legislators:

Members of Senate: Otto G. Foelker, Eugene M. Travis, Patrick H. McCarren, Alfred J. Gilchrist, Dominick F. Mullaney, Christopher D. Sullivan, Thomas F. Grady, John T. McCall, Martin Saxe, Alfred R. Page, James J. Frawley, James Owens, John P. Cohalan, John C. R. Taylor and William J. Grattan.

Members of the Assembly: Augustus Allen, Louis A. Cuvillier, William A. DeGroot, James A. Foley, Miles R. Frisbie, Frank K. Johnston, William Klein, Martin G. McCue, Robert M. McFarlane, George L. Meade, Edwin A. Merritt, Jr., Thomas H. Todd, Artemas Ward, Jr., James L. Whitley, Frederick G. Whitney and Patrick J. McGrath.

7. The extraordinary expenditures accompanying any protracted scheme of legislation make it imperative that the Council of Administration be directed under the supervision of the Department Commander to levy a special legislative per capita tax when necessity for same exists.

8. Many resolutions affecting legislation will be submitted for your deliberation. Of those urged in good faith, the Judge-Advocate has been officially advised, as is proper. Those that are sponsored by Comrades whose names appear herein in honor are well worthy of respectful consideration.

Let my successor pause before accepting the mantle of power. The office is either an ornament or a trust. No man can rise to its fulfilment unless he dedicates himself to duty. To accept the office merely as an honor is to violate the generous confidence of our fellows.

I cannot lay down the burden of office without uttering a note of gratitude to the Department Commander and his staff who helped cast my lines in pleasant waters, and I should be an ingrate indeed if ever there fade from my remembrance the faithful service rendered by the men in the ranks at the call of "The Crisis."

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) MAURICE SIMMONS,

Judge-Advocate.

APPENDIX TO JUDGE-ADVOCATE'S REPORT.

A WORD FOR THE SOLDIER.

The United Spanish War Veterans of the Department of New York advocate the passage of the concurrent resolution pending in the Senate and Assembly, which proposes the amendment of section 9 of article 5 of the State Constitution, by providing that ten points shall be added to the ratings received in civil service examinations by Veterans of the recent war with Spain, who have been residents of the State for five years. In Assembly the resolution is No. 468 (Hon. Joseph M. Fowler), and in Senate, No. 228 (Hon. George H. Cobb). To the authors of other proposed legislative relief the Department is grateful, but it feels that it should not besiege the Legislature with additional measures.

The proposition that preference in the civil employment of States be accorded to honorably discharged soldiers and sailors is

one that has merited the consideration of modern civilized governments. How shall recruiting be stimulated? How is a better quality of recruit obtainable? How shall desertion from military service be deterred? The Army is necessary. The Navy is a paramount essential. Service in warfare means sacrifice. Enlightened self-interest should impel government to offer privileges in order to induce men to lend themselves to jeopardy. Ordinary decency should move government to a recognition of those who, without heed of self, volunteer for national defense.

Both the English and German Governments provide as conditions of enlistment that the recruit at the expiration of his term of service, with an honorable discharge, shall receive preference in the Civil Service. The questions propounded have been the subject of investigation by select committees of the British House of Commons in 1877, 1895 and 1906, the recommendations of which have been in large measure crystallized into law. The primary question certified to the first committee was, "Whether a better class of men would be induced to enter the military or naval service if the prospect were held out to them of civil employment after a certain period of meritorious service," to which it responded affirmatively. (Report of Committee on ex-Soldiers and Sailors, 1906, Cd. 2991, p. 1.) In the report of the second committee is embodied this recommendation:

"It would greatly popularise service in the army, and improve the status of the soldier, if serving with the colors could be made, under ordinary circumstances, a condition of appointment for employment in the Departments of the public service." (id. p. 2.)

The more recent committee finds:

"That their character and behavior (ex-soldiers and sailors) is quite up to the average, and that they are more punctual, generally cleaner, and more subject to discipline than civilians," (id., p. 13.)

and sententiously continues:

"We cannot too strongly urge this view; whatever claim the soldier may have for employment upon the patriotic citizen, his claim on his old employer, the State, is greater." (id., p. 14.)

and further:

"We therefore most urgently urge that definite instructions should be issued to the various Departments that ex-soldiers and sailors are to be given a prior claim to employment in the various posts in the Government service."

and

"We feel, moreover, that by this means only can the State relieve itself of the moral obligation which is placed upon it for those who have borne arms and endangered their lives in its service." (id., p. 28.)

Russia, Belgium and Sweden grant such preference by executive order. Spain, Portugal and Switzerland make ample provision. The Canadian Government is about to grant preferred land privileges to resident volunteers who enlisted for service in the South African War.

The National Government provides a preference for disability incurred in line of duty whether in war or peace. (U. S. Rev. St., sec. 1754.) A regulation adds to this absolute preference, five points on the percentage received in examinations. (See form No. 1481, August, 1907, U. S. Civil Service Commission.) In the Navy Department full preference is given to both Civil War Veterans and Spanish War Veterans. (Navy Yard Order 26-Revised, sec. 27, dated July 7, 1902.)

Rules 10 and 11 of the State Civil Service Commission of Wisconsin effectuating section 16 of chapter 366 of the Laws of 1905 of that State, grant to Veterans an additional five percentage in examinations. Minnesota with no civil service system, by chapter 158 of the Laws of 1907, provides, that any resident Spanish War Veteran may be permitted to pursue any courses in the University of Minnesota without the payment of tuition.

Michigan and Ohio stand in the Vanguard of American States in rewarding their soldier sons. Act No. 85, section 1 of the Public Acts of 1899 of the former prescribes, that all "honorably discharged Union soldiers, sailors and marines of the late Rebellion, and the soldiers, sailors and marines of the late Spanish American War shall be preferred for appointment and employment." By sections 3, 107-48 of the Revised Statutes of Ohio, all "honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines of the United States shall be preferred for appointment." In the face of the enactments of such typical American commonwealths as Ohio and Michigan, can the Empire State afford to be niggardly and provincial?

During the Civil War half a million men entered the service from this State. New York and its civil subdivisions expended in bounties, it is estimated by the Adjutant-General's office, a sum approximating \$150,000,000 or \$500 per man. Of this, the State itself appropriated \$35,000,000, \$26,000,000 of which was authorized by chapter 26 of the Laws of 1865. Even these expenditures can never repay the debt that our State owes its revered Union Soldiers. But be it remembered that the furnishing of New York's quota in the Spanish War did not entail the expenditure of one penny to the State. On the contrary, it was enabled to sell to the National Government its entire stock of old arms, uniforms, equipments, etc., at a profit.

Public statement has been made by well-intentioned but misinformed persons that the granting of a preference will pre-empt all positions in the State for Spanish War Veterans for years to come, to which we reply with this query: If less than 10 per cent. of the positions in the civil service of the State and its political subdivisions are now recruited from the *half million Union Veterans* who are entitled to *absolute preference* in appointment, what percentage of such employment will be sought by representatives of its *40,000 Spanish War Veterans* who may be invested with a *ten-point preference*?

For the mental qualifications of her volunteers in the War with Spain, we submit no apology. Recruited from the crafts and professions they returned to civil life after learning in the discipline of service, that respect for authority so essential in the State's civil employment. They volunteered in the spirit of sacrifice and returned, more deeply imbued with the manly honor that elbow-to-elbow service in field and camp accentuates. Will such type of men if inducted into the various avenues of the civil service bring degradation to the system? Need New York fear its volunteer sons, prototypes of whom, are the sponsor of this preference resolution in the lower chamber, the Hon. Joseph M. Fowler, the Speaker of the Assembly, Hon. James W. Wadsworth, Jr., our own beloved Department Commander, Admiral Coghlan, and our comrade, Theodore Roosevelt?

Respectfully submitted,

JUDGE-ADVOCATE,

*United Spanish War Veterans,
Department of
New York.*

198 Broadway,
Borough of Manhattan,
New York City.

Voluminous documents attached as exhibits to the foregoing report were filed with this report as a part thereof, but were not read to the encampment, and so are not spread upon the minutes. They are, however, hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.

It was moved that the report be received and spread upon the minutes.

JUDGE-ADVOCATE SIMMONS:

I do not think it diplomatic to have that report printed and spread broadcast—it is only intended for the personal guidance of our Delegates, not for the newspapers.

It is moved and duly seconded that the report be accepted and spread on the minutes. Unanimously carried.

THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

We have received a grievance here against the Memorial and Executive Committee of Greater New York, and if there are no objections, it will be referred to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances. (Reads a grievance from Gloucester Naval Camp No. 5 as to the manner in which a \$1,500 Memorial Day fund was disbursed, and then refers the same to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances.)

THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I now take pleasure in introducing to the encampment Comrade Frank Ainsworth who will address us briefly on the subject of the Mutual Aid Association:

COMRADE AINSWORTH:

The matter of the Mutual Aid Association has come before the Comrades of Greater New York because of the fact that from time to time certain members of the Order who, while in good health and having employment, are in pretty fair condition, find that there are times when sickness comes, and, after sickness, death. It has been found that on some occasions some of the Comrades' families have been left destitute,—destitute of the necessities of life, and it has been customary to take up subscriptions for the relief of the families of deceased Comrades. So last spring some of us talked it over and thought it would be a good plan to systematize things and form an association — not anything that would pile up money or create a great power, but to afford something to go to the families of deceased Comrades who were in need — a specific sum of money. So an association was formed, known as the United Spanish War Veterans' Mutual Aid Association, and it has now a great number of members in Greater New York. Notice of the association has been sent to all the Camps and a synopsis of its aims, so that those members of the organization who feel inclined to join it — who think it merits well — have now an opportunity to join, and I should be very glad personally, though I have no direct interest, to see all the United Spanish War Veterans in an association of that sort, for though all of us may not need it now, the

time may come when we are not so fortunate and successful as now, and when we will. There is a meeting to-night for the nomination of officers for the ensuing year. I thank you.

At the conclusion of this address, a number of delegates offered resolutions, all of which, on motion duly seconded and carried, were referred to the Committee on Rules, Regulations and Resolutions. Before this was done, there was considerable discussion, Comrade James F. Court of Old Guard Camp No. 19, in particular, objecting that referring the resolutions to the Committee on Resolutions without their being read was the application of "gag" law. It was explained, however, that the Committee on Credentials had not yet reported, that, therefore, the resolutions could not now be acted on, and that if the resolutions were now read, when the Committee on Resolutions reported they would be read again, which would be a waste of time.

A motion to reconsider was made and seconded, and a rising vote on same demanded. This motion was lost, and the meeting by rising vote almost unanimously voted that all resolutions should be handed to the Committee on Resolutions without being read.

Encampment adjourned until Tuesday morning, August 4th, at 9 o'clock.

MORNING SESSION.

Encampment called to order at 10 o'clock A. M. Tuesday, August 4th, by Department Commander.

The Auditing Committee made its report as follows:

Report of Auditing Committee.

Upon motion duly seconded and carried, the report of the Auditing Committee was ordered received and spread upon the minutes. A copy is as follows:

New York, August 3, 1908.

We, the undersigned "Auditing Committee of the Council of Administration," hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Department Quartermaster, and find as follows:

1907.

Aug. 20. Balance turned over by Past Dept. Quartermaster....	\$576 63
Total receipts to date.....	1,935 10

 \$2,511 73

Total expenditures to date.....	2,150 31
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1908.

Aug. 3. Balance on hand.....	\$358 47
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Balance in bank, July 30, 1908.....	\$574 21
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Deposit, August 1, 1908.....	52 58
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Collected, since Aug. 1, 1908, on hand....	80 74
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 \$707 53

Outstanding checks, drawn since July 27, 1908, not
returned by bank as yet:

No. 137	\$25 00
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No. 138	25 00
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No. 139	47 00
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No. 140	15 00
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No. 141	9 25
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No. 142	40 00
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No. 143	9 00
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No. 144	4 50
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No. 145	4 75
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No. 146	8 25
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No. 147	27 87
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No. 148	10 31
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No. 149	50 00
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No. 151	20 13
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No. 152	3 00
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 \$358 47

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) J. STONE,

GEORGE R. SAWYER,

JOHN C. STEIN,

Committee.

The Chair announced that he was informed that Commander-in-Chief Hale was to visit the Encampment, and appointed Past Commander-in-Chief Hamilton Ward and Past Commander, C. A. Simmons, to escort him to the platform.

THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

We wish to extend an invitation to the Ladies' Auxiliary and I will appoint Senior Vice Commander Roosa and Past Commander Haltz to escort them to the Hall.

The Committee on Credentials presented its report, and on motion duly seconded and carried, it was ordered that said report be accepted, subject to corrections that may be made during the sessions, and the Committee was continued for that purpose.

The next order of business was the report of the Committee on Rules, Regulations and Resolutions, which was made by Past Department Commander, C. A. Simmons, as follows:

Report of Committee on Rules, Regulations and Resolutions.

Your Committee on Rules, Regulations and Resolutions, to which was referred a number of resolutions and amendments to the Rules and Regulations, begs leave to report as follows:

A resolution was presented by Comrade John T. Oates of Joseph S. Decker Camp No. 20, as follows:

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Fifth Annual Encampment, Department of New York, United Spanish War Veterans, that the laws of the National body be so amended that it will be impossible for any comrade, in any Department of the National body, to be a candidate for or be elected to or accept the office of Department Commander or for Senior Vice-Department Commander or Junior Vice-Department Commander unless a member in good standing in his Camp for one year prior to the date of the convening of the Department Encampment, effective at encampment, 1909.

Your committee recommends the adoption of this resolution.

On motion duly seconded, the foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted.

A resolution was presented by Comrade John T. Oates of Joseph S. Decker Camp No. 20, as follows:

WHEREAS, It has come to our attention as Commanders of Camps in this Department that too little value is attached to the official button and badge of the United Spanish War Veterans; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Department of New York, in Annual Encampment assembled through its delegates to the National Encampment of September 1-3, 1908, request through that body that the laws be so amended as to make the official button and badge the property of the Camps, the Comrades only having use of the same while he remains in good standing on the Quartermaster's books of this Camp.

It is the judgment of your Committee that the delegates to the National Encampment be instructed to bring this matter to the attention of that body with a view of bringing this about if it seems practicable.

On motion duly seconded, the foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted.

Comrade E. W. Larkin presented the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, during the last session of the New York State Legislature when the concurrent resolution proposing the amendment of the Constitution by extending to Veterans of the War with Spain, the Phillipine Insurrection and the Boxer Campaign in China preferential recognition in the Civil Service was assailed by the enemies of the soldier and sailor, the Grand Army of the Republic of this Department sent to our assistance one of its most distinguished sons, and guided our steps by the light of its larger experience; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Army of the Republic thereby again attested its devotion to the spirit of patriotism and wove with strengthening fibers the bonds that bind us in deference to its membership and traditions, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the United Spanish War Veterans of the Department of New York in Encampment duly convened the 3d, 4th and 5th days of August, 1908, in the City of Troy, State of New York, that the younger generation of the defenders of the Republic send to the heroes whose consecrated services to the Nation inspired us to a higher plane of sacrificial duty, our grateful recognition of the aid rendered by them to us in the hour of our need, and anew pledge ourselves to keep fragrant forever the lessons of their lives and to perpetuate the principles of their Order.

The foregoing resolution of Comrade Larkin, was, on motion duly seconded and carried, unanimously adopted.

Comrade George Schmidt of Saratoga Springs Camp No. 58 presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Department Encampment of New York, U. S. W. V. hereby endorse the invitation of Saratoga Camp No. 58 to the National Encampment of the U. S. W. V. to hold its National Encampment of the year 1909, in Saratoga Springs, New York, and in endorsing the invitation of Saratoga Camp No. 58, the Department Encampment of New York hereby pledges its support to the Saratoga Camp to the National Encampment, to do everything in its power to make the Encampment, if it comes to Saratoga, a success, and it hereby further assures the National Encampment that Saratoga has not only the facilities but the will to entertain the Encampment of the U. S. W. V. for the year 1909.

Your Committee recommends the adoption of the above resolutions.

On motion duly seconded and carried, the foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Report of Committee on Resolutions was interrupted at this point by the arrival of Commander-in-Chief Hale, who was greeted with hearty cheers. Past Commander-in-Chief Ward accompanied him to the platform.

THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

We thought we had made arrangements to be in time to properly meet and conduct the Commander-in-Chief and I am sorry that he got ahead of us. Comrades, I wish to present to you our Commander-in-Chief. (Great applause.)

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF WALTER S. HALE:

Commander and Comrades: I thought as we came in that Comrade Simmons was either reading a resolution or something else. Now, I don't want to interrupt. I thank you heartily—

THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

We were just doing it to fill in time until you came.

COMMANDER HALE:

I thank you for your hearty welcome, and when you get through with your work, I will gladly say a few words from National Headquarters. (Applause).

Past Commander C. A. Simmons continues report of Committee on Resolutions as follows:

A delegate of Seyburn-Liscum Camp No. 13 presents a resolution recommending that the delegates to the National Encampment be instructed to state that it is the wish of the comrades of the Department of New York that no further changes in the button or badge of the United Spanish War Veterans be made, but to retain the present badge and have it recognized as the well known emblem of the United Spanish War Veterans. Your Committee recommends the adoption of a resolution reading as follows:

Resolved, That the delegates to the National Encampment be instructed to bring before that body a resolution to the effect that no further changes in style or form be made to the present button or badge of the United Spanish War Veterans.

On motion duly seconded, the same is unanimously adopted.

Patrick J. Hunt of George H. Tilly Camp No. 66 presented to the Committee the following resolution:

WHEREAS, from time to time matters of interest to the Comrades of the U. S. W. V. may come up in the various branches of our State and city legislatures requiring action on the part of our Department Officers, be it

Resolved, That it be the sense of the U. S. W. V. in encampment assembled that they favor only such legislation as will give preference to protect *all comrades* of our Order who enlisted or served in the United States Army, Navy and Marine Corps in the Spanish War—Phillipine Insurrection or the Chinese Relief Expedition between the dates of April 22, 1898 and July 4, 1902, and who were residents of New York State at the time of enlistment or have been residents of the State of New York at least five years since enlistment."

The Committee considered this matter a considerable time, and were somewhat divided upon it, and after they had received the resolutions that were presented, the situation practically resolved itself into this question; if the comrades of the State can secure legislation which will affect a portion of our body, giving them preference, and by so doing will be able to get into the Order a greater number of comrades, thus making it stronger so that we can secure preference for all the comrades after that, why not take that rather than assume that we will take a whole loaf or none? Your Committee desires to lay this matter before the encampment without making any recommendation.

Past Commander-in-Chief Hamilton Ward stated that in his opinion the practice of the G. A. R. should be followed of taking a little this year, and something next year, and so on, and that he did not believe in tying the hands of the incoming Administration, and he—

Moved, that the resolution be disapproved.

This motion was seconded by Comrade Torrey A. Ball.

Department Commander: I might say for the people that have been working for this preference bill, that all of them have come to the conclusion, after looking over the field, that they would take what they could get, which was very small indeed—and that turns out to be nothing—but they tried to get something so that we could get an official acknowledgment from the Legislature, and I recommended in my report that we keep the work going until we did succeed in getting something there.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ward: My motion is that the resolution be disapproved, leaving the hands of the incoming administration free.

At this juncture the Ladies Auxiliary entered the Hall.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I am glad to receive the Ladies, and present to you our Commander-in-Chief. He is very glad indeed to meet you all, and will address you.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF HALE:

Ladies of the Auxiliary and Comrades: I think the Admiral is not doing his duty as a shipmate and a sailor when he turns it over to somebody else to give a greeting. I did not come here to give any greeting to the Ladies, but I am always glad to greet them. I am very glad to say that your President-General and the National Headquarters this year have had some very pleasant relations helping each other's organization out, and we have tried, as at all times at National Headquarters to be of assistance to the Auxiliary, and I sincerely hope that the incoming administration will take an interest in your organization and help you out, as we wished to do, for we realized the help and good work done by you for some of our sick comrades, and their wives and children. As Admiral Coghlan, I know, desires to say something to the Ladies, I am going to give way to him.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Past Commander-in-Chief, Hamilton Ward, says that he wishes to say something to the Ladies.

PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF WARD:

I very much regret that I did not hear the last remark addressed to you by our Admiral, but I know that he is so successful, not only in addressing the comrades, but in addressing the Ladies, that whatever he said is proper, and needs but our concurrence—so, whatever he said, though it may possibly have reflected upon me, I concur in it. (Laughter).

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

It is perfectly true—I did not know it before, I am sure, and I have lived a number of years, that there are times when the ladies do not wish to speak. They begged off yesterday, and have begged off this morning. As I said, I welcome you on behalf of the Encampment, and if you wish to remain a while, we will proceed with business.

Comrade Saul Caming makes an argument in favor of Comrade Hunt's resolution.

Comrade Maurice Simmons: Do I understand there is a motion that Comrade Hunt's resolution be disapproved?

The Chair: Yes.

Comrade Maurice Simmons: I move to amend that resolution by striking out everything after the word "THAT," and recommend that it be referred to the incoming Judge-Advocate for consideration.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ward withdraws his motion to disapprove, and seconds the above motion by Comrade Maurice Simmons. (Motion carried.)

C. A. Simmons, of L. Boardman Smith Camp, No. 25, of Rochester, presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the United Spanish War Veterans of the Department of New York, in Encampment duly convened, August 3, 4 and 5, 1908, at the city of Troy, State of New York, hereby extend to our distinguished Comrade, Hon. James L. Whitley, the earnest appreciation of the Order for his faithful, continuous and untiring services rendered in the New York Assembly during the legislative session recently closed, for his struggle to have established in the State Constitution the principle of preferential recognition in the Civil Service of the Veterans of the recent war with Spain, the Philippine Insurrection and the Boxer Campaign in China.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted.

Commander T. A. Ball of R. C. Anderson Camp No. 26 presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, During the last session of the New York State Legislature when our Order required staunch friends to advocate its cause, it found an aggressive leader in the Assembly in the person of our Comrade, Hon. Joseph M. Fowler, who fathered the joint resolution introduced in his chamber, the object of which was the amendment of the New York State Constitution by the incorporation of a provision extending preference in the Civil

Service of the State and its political subdivisions to Veterans of the late war with Spain, the Philippine Insurrection and the Boxer Campaign in China, and

WHEREAS, Throughout the anxieties and conflicting interests involved in the legislative fight for the establishment of that principle, he stood foremost in championing the cause of the soldier and sailor, guarding and espousing the interests of his Comrades with unflagging zeal and unshakable devotion; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the United Spanish War Veterans of the Department of New York in Encampment duly convened the 3d, 4th and 5th of August, 1908, at the city of Troy, State of New York, that we record our appreciation of his distinguished labors and meritorious services and pledge to him the good will and the gratitude of his Comrades in the Department of New York, and be it furthermore

Resolved, That the Adjutant of the Department be directed to convey these resolutions to our honored Comrade, Joseph M. Fowler.

Your committee recommends the adoption of the above resolution.

On motion duly seconded and carried, the foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted.

A resolution was presented by Comrade Thomas J. Quinn, of Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46, New York, as follows:

WHEREAS, During the last session of the New York State Legislature when our Order required staunch friends to advocate its cause, it found an aggressive leader in the Senate in the person of the Hon. George H. Cobb, who fathered a joint resolution introduced in his chamber, the object of which was the amendment of the New York State Constitution by the incorporation of a provision extending preferences in the Civil Service of the State, and its political sub-divisions to Veterans of the late war with Spain, the Philippine Insurrection and the Boxer Campaign in China, and

WHEREAS, Throughout the anxieties and conflicting interests involved in the legislative fight for the establishment of that principle he stood foremost in championing the cause of the soldier and

sailor, guarding and espousing the interests of our Order with unflagging zeal and unshakable devotion; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the United Spanish War Veterans of the Department of New York in Encampment duly convened on the 3d, 4th and 5th of August, 1908, at the city of Troy, State of New York, that we record our appreciation of his distinguished labors and meritorious services, and pledge to him the good will and gratitude of this Department, and be it furthermore

Resolved, That the Adjutant of the Department be directed to convey these resolutions to the distinguished and honored Senator.

Your committee recommends the adoption of the above resolution.

On motion duly seconded and carried, the foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted.

Comrade John T. Smith, of Thomas H. Barber Camp No. 3, presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Department of New York, United Spanish War Veterans, in annual encampment assembled, do hereby direct that every effort be made by the legislative committee and the Camps of the United Spanish War Veterans in the Department of New York to secure the enactment of the following amendment to chapter 327, Laws of 1900, known as the general city law:

ARTICLE 1.

§ 10. The common council of any city of the third class is hereby authorized to appropriate and set aside each year a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars for the purpose of providing for the due and proper observance of Memorial Day in such city by the Grand Army, and a further sum not exceeding two hundred dollars for the purpose of providing for the due and proper observance of Memorial Day by the United Spanish War Veterans in such city.

§ 11. The moneys thus appropriated for the Grand Army shall be expended under the direction of a board composed of the mayor and the commanders and quartermasters of the Grand Army posts of such city, and the moneys appropriated for the United Spanish War Veterans shall be expended under the direction of a

board composed of the mayor and the commander and quartermaster of the United Spanish War Veterans camp of such city. The whole amount of such money appropriated or any part thereof may be spent by such boards in observance of Memorial Day. Bills properly verified for all claims and expenditures arising under this or the preceding section shall be presented to and audited by such boards and shall be paid by the common council of any such city. The moneys appropriated shall be raised by tax on the real and personal property liable to taxation in any such city in the same manner as the ordinary expenses of maintaining the city government.

Your committee recommends the adoption of the above resolution and directs that the Judge-Advocate use every power to pass the amendments to the laws as specified above.

On motion duly seconded and carried, the foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted.

At this point the report of the finance committee appointed to audit the Department Quartermaster's books made the following report:

Report of Finance Committee.

NEW YORK, August 4, 1908.

REAR ADMIRAL JOSEPH B. COGHLAN, U. S. N., *Department Commander, U. S. W. V.:*

COMRADE.—The undersigned finance committee appointed by you for the purpose of auditing the Department Quartermaster's books, have the honor to report as follows:

1907.

Aug.	Balance, last administration.....	\$576 68
	Total receipts	1,937 23
		\$2,513 91
	Total expenditures to date.....	2,150 31
	Balance to date.....	\$363 60
	Balance in bank, July 30, 1908.....	\$574 21

1907.

Aug. Deposit August 1, 1908.....	\$52 58
Collected since August 1, 1908, on hand....	82 87
	\$709 66
Outstanding checks to date as per stubs, verified with cash book	346 06
Balance on hand	\$363 60

Accounts have been fully examined and found correct, and vouchers exhibited for all disbursements.

Respectfully,

D. J. MURPHY,
WM. F. MORGAN,
S. J. STONE,

Committee.

On motion duly seconded and carried, the foregoing report was received and ordered placed on file.*

Report of Committee on State of the Order.

This report was next submitted, as follows:

The committee appointed by you, sir, on the State of the Order, desires to respectfully submit the following report:

COMRADES: After careful deliberation the committee have gone over the magnificent reports submitted by our Department officers, brief in some instances as the occasion called for and voluminous in others very necessary to bring to the attention of the delegates the untiring zeal, unselfish devotion and above all, the pronounced affection that each have displayed in helping to give to our patriotic body the standard of excellence it has attained under their able direction in the admirable administration about to terminate.

* NOTE.—The Department Quartermaster's report, the basis of the above, was not read or submitted to the Convention, but a copy of it will be found attached to these minutes, marked "Appendix A."

This Department was indeed exceedingly fortunate when we elected as our Department Commander not only a National, but an international character, the noblest Roman of them all, Rear Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan. We find that in placing a Comrade who was a worker in the interest of our Comrades before he was mustered into the Order, and who proved a worker attending our social affairs, and by his presence adding distinction thereto for over eight months after, and accentuating this fact when elected Department Commander and proving his worth under distressing illness during his administration he has elevated this Department to a standard of excellence unsurpassed in any Department of the National body.

We find that six Camps have been newly organized and mustered in, that with the new Camp membership, reinstatements and recruiting in the old tried and true Camps an inspiration resolved itself around the name of Coghlan that has increased our total membership during the past eleven months nearly 400, an average of over 40 recruits a month. We find, therefore, a healthy state in the conduct of the office of Department Commander and this committee bears testimony to its thorough efficiency at this time, and trusts that the incoming administration will try and live up to this splendid standard of achievement. We congratulate our Commander for his splendid efforts.

The offices of Senior and Junior Vice-Department Commanders are now regarded not as honorary positions, but only secondary in importance to that of Department Commander. Senior Vice-Department Commander Roosa and Junior Vice-Department Commander Driscoll are officers who deserve well of their Comrades. They have conducted their offices with distinction and ability and deserve well at the hands of their Comrades. The work of these Comrades on the "Preference Bill" and other matters is highly commendable and the now recognized fact that both offices are removed to a plane of real worth will attract to the position Comrades of exceptional ability.

The office of our Department Chaplain, in a word, is par excellence. It has been conducted along the lines of tolerance and liberality. The reverend gentleman holding this position truly typifies all that is good and noble in his sacred calling, his advice

for and solicitation for the welfare of each of his comrades and shipmates has endeared him to us all.

The work of the office of Department Adjutant has been most laborious and trying. The records, we find, have been kept in a systematic way that appeals to your Committee. The year of effort in placing the position on the high elevation now enjoyed, could only be accomplished through patience and perseverance. We note his uniform courtesy at all times, and feel that the office has been conducted in excellent shape.

As to the Quartermaster's office, the records are in splendid condition as shown by the excellent report submitted to this Encampment. The system adopted by Comrade Budde may well be continued by his successor. The work of this office has been trying in the extreme, but perseverance has brought its reward in the efficient way the financial end of the organization is conducted.

Taking it on the whole, your Committee recognizes that the Department in every particular has seen one steady advance. During the past year the personnel of the recruits has been such that we can truly say that with the magnificent increase in membership, quality, not quantity, seems to have been the idea dominating the comrades who stood sponsor for our new members.

And now we come to the office of the Department Judge-Advocate. This Committee believes it impossible to use words sufficient in commendation of the manner in which our legal affairs have been conducted. The report as submitted to you together with your own personal knowledge of the great mass of work done, marks this officer as a comrade of rare, extraordinary ability. It is men of this type who are the uplifting influence in our Department and are worthy of any consideration at the hands of their comrades. Let us hope in making a new choice that our judgment will be as correct as it was certainly in the selection of the comrade who adds distinction and ability to this office.

This Committee has no recommendations to offer other than has been submitted by the honored officers of the administration about to close. But we desire to say to the delegates to this Encampment, keep up the splendid work of mustering in recruits in your sections of the State, as no great legislation can come to us

until it is a recognized fact that our numbers are such that it will be foolhardy not to listen to our reasonable demands.

In conclusion we would say the high state of our Department at this time can only be continued by giving to this Encampment a set of officers who we know will carry on this splendid work, and in doing so, the duty reposed in a committee such as ours at the Encampment of 1909 will prove one of the gathering's most pleasant features.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. OATES,
GEO. ALLEN,
H. A. ELY,
J. S. WILSON,
C. P. HAMILTON,

Committee.

On motion unanimously carried the foregoing report was adopted and ordered spread on the minutes.

THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Owing to a misinterpretation on the part of the Chair, he interrupted the report of the Committee on Resolutions. That Committee will now proceed.

C. A. SIMMONS (continuing report): A resolution was presented by Comrade Harry E. Smith, of William H. Hubbell Camp No. 4 of Brooklyn, as follows:

Resolved, That section 14 of article 6 of the Department Rules and Regulations be stricken out and that in the place and stead thereof a new section known as section 14, reading as follows, be inserted:

Provided, however, that such bodies in the various Boroughs of the City of New York shall be known and designated as Memorial and Executive Committees of the United Spanish War Veterans of their respective Boroughs; that it shall be the duty of such committees to handle and expend all moneys appropriated by the City of New York for memorial purposes and that no part of

said moneys shall be expended for any memorial observances unless the same is conducted under the auspices or with the consent of said Committee.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the above resolution.

On motion duly seconded, the foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted.

A resolution was presented by Joseph Kaiser, Commander of Geo. H. Tilly Camp No. 66, requesting a supply of rifles for camp purposes, and your Committee recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the delegates to the National Encampment be instructed to bring a resolution before that body to the effect that the National Government be requested by resolution or otherwise, upon requisition to supply ten rifles in good condition to each Camp in the United States applying therefor, for the use of Color Guards and Firing Squad.

The Committee recommends the adoption of this report.

On motion duly seconded the foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted.

Comrade James F. Court, of Old Guard Camp No. 19, presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That, regardless of political party affiliations, the United Spanish War Veterans support for election to any office of the State or of any of its civil divisions, only such candidates therefor who support measures advocated by the United Spanish War Veterans and vote against such candidates who are opposed to or who do not declare their sentiments for or against such measures.

Your Committee, while believing that the support of the United Spanish War Veterans should in most instances be accorded to candidates for public office who support the doctrines and purposes of the United Spanish War Veterans, does not believe that the above resolution is in proper wording, and recommends that it be not adopted by this Encampment. Let me explain that the point was brought up that this was very broad and if there were different

candidates for office, and one on an anarchistic ticket was prepared to support our measures, and the men representing the standard parties were not so prepared, then it would simply bind the members of the Encampment, to live up to the resolution, if adopted, to support a man running on an anarchistic, socialistic, or prohibition ticket, simply because he says he will stand for our measures. I move an amendment by inserting this sentence: I will read the resolution and then the amendment. (Reads.)

“Resolved, That, regardless of political party affiliations, the Spanish War Veterans support for election to any office of the State or of any of its civil divisions, only such candidates therefor who support measures advocated by the United Spanish War Veterans —” I move to add here the sentence, *“And who pledge themselves to support the laws and constitution of the State of New York and of the United States.”*

It is moved and seconded, that this resolution, on the amendment, be referred back to the Committee on Resolutions, and after some discussion and by a rising vote, this was done.

A comrade of O'Neill Camp, and another comrade representing the Joint Buffalo City Board, each presented resolutions, the former reading as follows:

Whereas, The members of O'Neill Camp No. 15, U. S. W. V., with a feeling of sorrow and regret have observed for the last few years that the general public have drifted away from the proper observance of Memorial day and that instead of being a day for patriotic exercises and meetings for our honored departed comrades, it is given over to sport and other means of jollification.

Resolved, That the members of O'Neill Camp wish the aid of the general public in the proper observance of this day. We also wish the coöperation of all other patriotic societies, so that Memorial day may be observed in a fitting and proper manner. We also suggest that the last Sunday of May, of each year, shall be devoted to religious services and for the decoration of our departed comrades' graves and other ways to show appreciation of the comrades of the G. A. R. and U. S. W. V.”

The resolution of the Joint Board reads as follows:

Whereas, This Board realizing that the tendency of the people is drifting away from the habit of observing Memorial Day in the way it should be observed, therefore be it

Resolved, That this Board recommend to each of the Camps represented that such Camps pass resolutions; that these resolutions be transmitted to the Department Encampment with the recommendation that they be transmitted to the National Encampment; such resolution calling upon all Spanish War Veteran Camps, G. A. R. Posts and patriotic societies of all kinds to agitate by means of addresses and through the press a movement to counteract the tendency of displacing the patriotic Memorial services by a holiday given over to pleasure and jollification.

Resolved, Also in this connection, that the Board recommend consideration of a proposition to celebrate Memorial Day on the last Sunday in May of each year instead of the 30th of that month.

Your Committee recommends the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is the sense of the delegates to this Encampment that Memorial Day should be fittingly observed by Camps and Comrades throughout the Department."

Your Committee recommends the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

On motion duly seconded and carried, the same is unanimously adopted.

Comrade William J. Cunningham of Camp No. 2 presented to the Committee the following resolution;

WHEREAS, During the last Session of the New York State Legislature when the fate of the Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of New York by extending a preference in the Civil Service to veterans of the late war with Spain, the Philippine Insurrection and the Boxer Campaign in China was in the balance, and the cause of the younger generation of veterans needed devoted friends, it found a sterling advocate in Ex-Judge Lewis E. Griffith, the distinguished Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, who ar-

rayed his extensive individual influence and the dominating power of his eloquence on the side of our Order, and,

WHEREAS, By his freely given comradeship, his sterling integrity and his warm generosity, he has woven for himself a wreath of our golden opinions, now therefore, be it

Resolved, By the United Spanish War Veterans of the Department of New York in Encampment duly convened the 3rd, 4th and 5th days of August, 1908, at the City of Troy, State of New York, that we send this eminent soldier our grateful greetings, and our appreciation of his sacred and unselfish labors dedicated to our Order in the spirit of patriotic giving, and be it furthermore,

Resolved, That the Adjutant of this Department be directed to convey these resolutions to our honored comrade.

Your Committee recommends the adoption of the above resolution.

Being properly moved and seconded, the foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted.

The following resolutions were presented to your Committee by Comrade Bernard J. Fagan of Manhattan Camp, No. 1:

Resolved, That we are unalterably opposed to the passage of any Civil Service Preference Bill or other measures favoring United Spanish War Veterans that does not include in the benefits thereof, all persons eligible to membership in this organization, provided such eligibles comply with the requirements of the general laws of the State.

Resolved, That we favor the election or appointment of one additional officer on the staff of the Department Commanders whose duty it shall be to keep a record of the effective work done by the different camps in the interest of the organization. We also favor the addition of one more officer on the staff of Camp Commanders, whose duty it shall be to keep a record of the effective work done by individual members of the Camps. We favor, if necessary, the amendment of the By-Laws, so as to effect this purpose.

Resolved, That we shall no longer peacefully submit to the contemptuous treatment we have received from the law-making

bodies in this State, but that we shall in every case appeal to the constituency of every public official who makes himself conspicuous by his opposition to the just, fair and patriotic measures that we have supported, and shall support.

COMRADE FAGAN: I presented these resolutions by request.

After discussion, the first of the resolutions of Comrade Fagan, concerning "Any Civil Service Preference Bill," is referred to the incoming Judge-Advocate.

The second resolution, favoring an additional officer on the staff of the Department Commander, Comrade C. A. Simmons said, refers practically to the appointment of a historian. While the Committee are favorable, thinking there might be reason for additional comment, we made no recommendation.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ward moved and it was seconded that the resolution in question be adopted.

COMRADE DINEEN:

The resolution is not definite enough.

COMRADE WEILL:

His idea is that we want a Department historian — that there should be an officer in each Camp to keep a record of the work done by the officers and by the Camp.

It is moved and seconded that the Department Rules and Regulations be amended to provide for a Department historian. (Carried.)

PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF WARD:

My attention has been called by Comrade Dineen to the fact that I am indefinite as to whether it ought to be appointive or elective. I would like to amend my resolution just passed to provide that the office be elective.

COMRADE C. A. SIMMONS:

I do not believe the Department has that power. I think the matter will have to be referred to the National Encampment. We can create the office by making him a member of staff and appointing him, but we cannot create an elective office in this Encampment.

PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF WARD:

That is right.

The motion to provide for a Department Historian is amended in accordance with the suggestion that it be appointive, and in this form is carried.

COMRADE MAURICE SIMMONS:

The suggestion goes to the modification of our By-laws. The mere statement that we make such and such an office an appointive office is an amendment of the By-laws in so many words.

PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF WARD:

We have a good Judge-Advocate, let him figure it out.

COMRADE M. SIMMONS:

The only one who can amend the By-laws is the Encampment. We can't do it by general resolution on this floor. It must be put in such and such words in the By-laws. You haven't done this. You are entirely out of order.

COMMANDER C. A. SIMMONS:

I suggest that the matter be referred back to the Committee so as to get the matter in definite form in the By-laws.

After discussion by various Comrades, Past Commander-in-Chief Ward said:

I would move as a further motion that the following language be inserted after the words, Mustering Officer — section 1 of article 2, "and a Department Historian to be a staff officer and appointed by the Department Commander."

Seconded and unanimously carried.

The balance of the resolutions offered by Comrade Fagan were then discussed.

PAST COMMANDER C. A. SIMMONS:

I make a motion at this time that this Encampment places itself on record as thanking most heartily that portion of the press of this State which has been friendly, for the work that has been done, and that we say nothing at all about those whose attitude has been unfriendly — we will get their friendly attitude if we keep at it. I believe we ought to commend some of the papers for the splendid way in which they have written up affairs relating to the United Spanish War Veterans. (Applause.) We have read the papers of Troy, and I add to my motion that this refers particularly to the press of Troy. Carried. (Applause.)

Comrade C. A. Simmons continues report of Committee on Resolutions as follows:

Comrade Frederick C. Kuehnle of Theodore Roosevelt Camp No. 10, presented to the committee the following resolution:

WHEREAS, There is about to be appointed a Superintendent of the United States Naval Female Nurses, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Encampment that a Spanish War nurse be honored by the appointment who served with this State's troops.

The committee recommends the adoption of the foregoing resolution, subject to a satisfactory explanation on the floor as to its object. Carried.

COMRADE KUEHNLE: The duty of presenting this was transferred to me by the Chaplain of the Department. He informed me there were female nurses in the United States Naval service and that a Superintendent of these nurses is to be appointed and it is his desire that this Encampment recommend that a female nurse who served with the State of New York troops receive the appointment.

THE CHAIR: If there is no objection the motion as passed will stand.

Comrade Bernhardt Wall of Manhattan Camp No. 1 presented the following:

Amendment to be submitted to the National Encampment. Article 6, section 2 (beginning at line 10), the Department officers shall be a Commander, a Senior Vice-Commander, a Junior Vice-Commander, a Chief of Staff, a Department Adjutant, a Department Quartermaster, a Department Surgeon, a Judge-Advocate, a Chaplain, a Marshal, and a Council of Administration composed of the Commander, the Vice-Commanders and eight members elected by the Department Encampment.

Amendment to be submitted to the National Encampment. Article 7, section 6 (beginning after the word "bond" in the 15th line Rules and Regulations), he shall also have the power to remove all appointed officers at his pleasure.

The committee recommends the adoption of the foregoing.

On motion duly made and seconded, the same is unanimously adopted.

Comrade Bernhardt Wall of Manhattan Camp No. 1 presented to the committee what are apparently intended as amendments to article 6 of the Department Rules and Regulations providing for the creation and control of District Boards as follows:

Amendments. Article 6, District Councils.

Section 1. Whenever two or more Camps are located in a city or borough, they will form a District or Borough Council for the better control and management of such matters as are of common interest. When but one or two Camps exist in a Borough, these Camps may become members of the Council in that Borough adjoining or in closest proximity to them.

§ 4. The Council shall consist of all officers of the National Encampment and of the Department Encampment who are members of Camps represented in said Council, the Commanders and Past Commanders of each Camp (after which the present reading of the section continues).

§ 6. The officers of the Council shall be a Chairman, a Senior

Vice-Chairman, a Junior Vice-Chairman, a Secretary-Treasurer (after this the present reading of the section continues).

§ 7. The duties of the Chairman, the Senior Vice-Chairman, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Marshal and the Sergeant-at-Arms shall be similar to the duties and prerogatives of the Commander, Senior Vice-Commander, Junior Vice-Commander, Adjutant, Quartermaster, O. D., and O. G. of a Camp.

§ 9. Regular meetings shall be held in each month excepting during July and August; special meetings may be called by the Chairman whenever he deems it necessary; and, he shall call meetings upon application signed by a majority of the members from the majority of Camps. The Secretary of the Council may, in the event of special meetings notify the delegates direct.

§ 10. The standing committees are the following: Memorial, Legislation, Employment and Grievance, Entertainment and Press, Finance and Account, all committees becoming active upon their election or appointment, until the next coming election of officers. The Memorial Committee will consist of as many members as there are Camps represented in the Council, each Camp delegation electing a member from its own delegation to serve on this committee. The Memorial Committee will elect its Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer, who will act in accordance with the Statutes governing each committee, by giving bond and approving vouchers for relief. This committee will arrange for all parades, ceremonies, memorial services and relief affecting the district or borough in which it is situated. This committee will act in all cases of distress of comrades or their widows and dependents and receiving and disbursing from the county, upon investigation and a favorable vote of the majority of the members of the committee, in which they will be governed by the Poor Law.

The Legislation Committee will consist of three members appointed by the Chairman, and will act unrestrictedly in all matters pertaining to legislative measures of a local character, and, upon its own initiative, or by vote of the Council, suggest legislation to the Judge-Advocate; or, upon his invitation, deliberate and co-operate with him in any measures he may have in hand.

The Employment and Grievance Committee will consist of

three members appointed by the Chairman, and will assist in all matters of appeal for employment from comrades or their widows, hear grievances in cases of discrimination in the Civil Service, and take such lawful means as may be necessary to have comrades reinstated.

The Entertainment and Press Committee will consist of three members appointed by the Chairman, and will arrange for all matters of entertainment in the cause of relief or for social purposes, and manage the matter of publicity through the public press.

The Finance and Account Committee will consist of three members appointed by the Chairman, and will examine the accounts and books of the Treasurer and such committees as may handle any funds of the Council, before the said Treasurer or committees relinquish their offices.

The Chairman of the Council shall be a member of all committees, with voice but no vote, except upon invitation, if it be unanimous. The Chairman of the Council may remove any appointive officer at his pleasure.

§ 14. (New). The District and Borough Councils are subject to the same orders and rules which govern the individual Camps, and the inspection of books and conduct of meetings will come within the duties of the Department Inspector.

§ 15. (New). A Camp withdrawing its support, co-operation and representation from a District or Borough Council to which it has been accredited representation shall forfeit all right to relief and aid to its members from the Council's committees.

It is the opinion of your committee that these matters should be referred to a committee for the purpose of revising the Department Rules and Regulations.

After discussion, it was moved, seconded and carried that the foregoing proposed amendments be referred to the Council of Administration.

The Committee has no further report to make at this time.

On motion, duly seconded and carried, the report of the Committee was received and the Committee continued.

Comrade C. A. Simmons announced that the headquarters of the Committee would still continue to be in the Rensselaer Hotel and

that the Committee would be pleased to have all comrades desiring to present resolutions appear before them and argue them.

PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF WARD:

Most of us who have come here to attend this Encampment have other things to do. We are here to do the business of this Encampment as thoroughly as possible and as speedily as possible. Every Encampment in the past has wound up its business in two days, and I believe that, in order that those of us who desire to do so can leave for home in the morning, when we adjourn we should adjourn to some session later in the day.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER COGHLAN:

It seems to me that it will be necessary to have an afternoon session in order to get through our business.

An amendment was here offered to Past Commander Ward's motion that when the Encampment adjourned, it adjourn until 9:30 A. M. to-morrow morning.

Comrade Cunningham of Troy spoke as follows: "Com-mander and Comrades, the Committee of Troy in preparing our program for your entertainment, took into consideration the troubles we had at Albany and also the troubles we had at Elmira—we took all these matters into consideration. It was voted at Elmira that this Encampment should continue for three days, and the council of Administration in New York fixed the date as the 3rd, 4th and 5th of August, and in preparing our program we gave you all day Monday for business, half of Tuesday, and you have all day Wednesday. It was the wish of the Committee to assemble at 1:30 to-day at the Court House to have a picture taken and to form the parade."

Comrade Cunningham then sets forth in detail the programme which the Committee had arranged.

After some further discussion, it was moved, seconded and carried that when the Encampment adjourned the adjournment would be until 9 o'clock A. M. Wednesday, August 5th.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances presented the following report:

Report of Committee on Grievances.

Your Committee had but one matter before it for consideration.

Gloucester Naval Camp No. 5 complained of the manner in which the \$1,500 Memorial Day fund was disbursed by the Memorial and Executive Committee of New York City and requested that said Committee be censured.

After due deliberation, your Committee cannot find any reason for censure of said Committee.

(Signed) JAMES F. COURT,
W. MARTIN WATSON,
B. J. FAGAN,
H. P. HAMLIN,
Committee.

On motion duly seconded and carried, the report of the Committee was accepted and ordered spread upon the minutes.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

We will now hear from Commande-in-Chief Hale.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF HALE:

Comrades, as you are all aware, I am not a flag-raising orator, and furthermore, I am aware that you want to get away, so that I won't take much of your time; but I do want to say a few words to the comrades of this Encampment of the Department of New York. I will not go into any long history of the organization in the past year, I want simply to call your attention to the fact that the successes we have had this year, the healthy financial condition and the growth of the order, is not due to this administration for the reason that the seed had been sown before and we are reaping its benefits. I hope that in the course of a year or two somebody will have a chance to say that they are reaping the benefits of the work that we have been doing. It is impossible for anybody to take hold of our organization and put it on the top pinnacle in one minute, he may do a great deal of work that will show up in the time to come, and I am happy and proud to say that since I have taken a hand and succeeded Comrade

Ward, I can see now the growth of the organization, and also that a great deal of it is due to him and to his predecessor, Comrade Miller.

This year we have taken in over fifty new camps, and we have lost fifteen by revoking their charters. We have also lost a few camps by amalgamation, where a couple of camps came together and formed one. This year we have been successful in getting in about the only organization left outside, that is, the Veteran Army of the Phillipines. And again, that is where I cannot claim any credit, because I took office in September, and about the 1st of November I got a letter from the Phillipine Islands asking me if there was any chance to amalgamate, and they had never heard of me and did not know who I was. So, you see, we are reaping the benefits of that, and that is a healthy organization of 11,000 men. Some of the men of the Philippine Islands have built that organization up, and in looking over the different organizations that they wanted to amalgamate with, they decided there was only one, and that was the United Spanish War Veterans. They said they had been over the ground thoroughly, had been over the different organizations, and that we were the ones they wanted to come in with, and I hope that the agreement that has been drawn up will be ratified in the coming Encampment, and then we will have a new department which will be of great assistance to us, as men are going back and forth from the Philippine Islands, and it will be a good department.

A great deal has been said about legislation. We cannot get legislation that will please everybody. National Headquarters is working on it. The main thing is to build up your organization. We are, as I have said before, an insurance organization—not fire, not life, not accident; but there is an insurance hidden away somewhere, more on the fire insurance principles. A man pays his fire insurance year in and year out, not expecting to be burned out, and every year we pay our per capita tax, we are paying our insurance. It has been proved in cases where a comrade has passed away—when he was alive and in good health the last thing that he thought of was that he would need insurance, but after he was dead and he did not know it, his family got it. I had a case happen at National Headquarters. A man came in and

wanted the Spanish War Veterans to go down and protest because he had been discharged from duty. I asked him to what Camp he belonged, and he said he didn't belong to a camp, that he had been going to join a camp for the last two years, but had not done it, and I said to him that he reminded me of the fellow in Jersey who after he had burned out, was running around looking for fire insurance. We asked him to join the Camp, and after his name was dry on the roll, it would then be time enough for him to talk about his insurance.

I do not want to take up your time. I want to say this, that I hope that the Department Commander of Massachusetts will be here to-morrow, but I do not want to steal his talk, but in his name, I give you all an invitation, not only the comrades, but the eligible comrades—pick them up and bring them to Boston. The Department is prepared to entertain about ten to fifteen thousand comrades. They are all pulling in harmony, and we hope that you will get together and come in a body.

As I presume you will have to listen to me many times on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd of September, until you wish you had never heard of me, I am now going to thank you for your kind attention.

ADJUTANT REARDON:

We have a communication here that will be of interest to some, from the Commander-in-Chief's office. It is from the Judge-Advocate's office through National Headquarters and is a reply to a communication submitted by your Department Commander. It is dated August 1, 1908, and the second indorsement I will read to you in full.

OFFICE OF THE JUDGE-ADVOCATE GENERAL,

FITCHBURG, MASS., *August 1, 1908.*

My opinion on the question submitted in this communication from the Department Commander of New York is as follows:

Referring to article 9, section 14, Rules and Regulations, to which allusion is made in the request for a ruling, there is little doubt in my mind but that this article was created for the purpose

of preventing the public from knowing things which in their very nature are so secret they should be the property of the society alone, and also to save the reputation of any comrade whose status might be involved in the councils of the order; for, instance, under this article, it appears that the names of persons causing the rejection of a candidate and any other information as to the means of such rejection are to be kept secret, while in section 7, article 6, it appears that the Department Adjutant shall, amongst other things, keep a record of rejected applicants. No suggestion has been made in the Rules and Regulations that such list of rejected applicants may not be published or disclosed to comrades who may inquire at the Department Headquarters. I mention this last instance to support the position which I take with regard to the purport of section 14, article 9.

The election of delegates by a Camp can in no sense be called a part of the secret work. It is common experience that the names of these delegates are published in the press at the time of their election, and for this reason I have no hesitation in ruling that the Department Adjutant has a perfect right to publish the names of such delegates and alternates, and, while it is not involved in this question, I may add that the rules and regulations do not compel the Department Adjutant to give such list of delegates.

(Signed) JOHN F. MAGRATH,
Judge-Advocate General, U. S. W. V.

Recess until 9 o'clock A. M. Wednesday, August 5th.

MORNING SESSION.

Department Commander Coghlan in the chair.

Encampment called to order by Senior Vice-Commander Philip G. Roosa at 9:30 A. M.

The privilege of the floor was extended to Comrade John T. Oates, who spoke at some length, on matters relating to the preference bill defeated in the last State Legislature. There has been a great deal of comment as I understand it, in certain sections about the action of our little camp in the borough of Richmond. It is a notorious fact that it was our Assemblyman who in moving to amend the preference bill, defeated it by his action. It is with the

purpose of bringing to the attention of this Encampment that our little organization down there is working for the good and welfare of the Department, that I have asked this privilege to take the floor and explain to you our situation, or, in other words, to place us right before our Comrades.

Comrade Oates then read the correspondence between his Camp, Assemblyman Shortt, and Judge-Advocate Simmons, and wound up by reading the resolution offered by the Camp and passed unanimously, repudiating and condemning Assemblyman Shortt for his action.

The Committee on Rules, Regulations and Resolutions makes a further report, as follows:

Your committee to which was referred the recommitted resolution concerning support of political candidates who favor U. S. W. V. in part, recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That wherever consistent with the welfare of the country as a whole and its political sub-divisions, the members of the U. S. W. V. endeavor to lend political aid to candidates for elective political office who are favorable to the purposes, aims and ambitions of the United Spanish War Veterans. (Adopted.)

The foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted.

It recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Encampment recommend to the incoming Council of Administration, and succeeding councils, the advisability of calling Department Encampments for the two week days immediately preceding the convening of that year's National Encampment, allowing necessary intervening time for travel between the two places where the respective Encampments are held. (Adopted.)

After some discussion, on motion, duly seconded, the foregoing resolution was adopted.

The committee recommends the adoption of the following resolution offered by W. Martin Watson, of Camp No. 53.

Resolved, That the committee on entertainment at the next and succeeding encampments must submit to the Council of Adminis-

tration, at least two months before the first day of the encampment, its programme of such entertainment for approval and in order that such entertainment as may be provided will not interfere with the business of the encampment. (Adopted.)

The committee recommended the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the next Department Encampment be held at Oswego. (Adopted.)

The committee presented and recommended the adoption of the following resolution, introduced by Comrade William J. S. Dineen, of W. H. Hubbell Camp No. 4:

WHEREAS, It is the custom of the Board of Aldermen of the City of New York and other legislative bodies of the State of New York to grant leave of absence to all employees within their jurisdiction for the purpose of attending National and Department Encampments; be it

Resolved, That this Encampment recommend to the National Encampment that the Legislative Committee of that body endeavor to secure, either by executive order or by an act of Congress, the same concession for Federal employees.

The same was unanimously adopted.

COMRADE C. A. SIMMONS:

Referring to that portion of the report of our honored Commander relating to the fifteen days intervening time before the incoming administration shall assume office, this has been given consideration by your committee, and they beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That that portion of the report of the Department Commander relating to the time of assumption of office by an incoming administration be referred to the Council of Administration.

The reason for recommending this in this form is that there are several points in favor and several points against, and that a body of men interested in the organization can sit down and talk this over more advantageously than you can in an Encamp-

ment of this kind. It is the Admiral's own suggestion that this be referred to the Council of Administration.

On motion, duly seconded, the foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted.

COMRADE C. A. SIMMONS:

The committee presents the following resolution and recommends its adoption:

WHEREAS, There has been formed within the United Spanish War Veterans of the Department of New York an association known as The Mutual Aid Association for the purpose of providing a means whereby the widows, children, etc., of this organization may receive immediate financial relief on the death of a member of the association; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Encampment approve the Mutual Aid Association and its object. (Adopted.)

The foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted.

COMRADE C. A. SIMMONS:

The Committee on Resolutions has no further resolution for consideration, but is willing to do further work if there is any further work to be done.

On motion, duly seconded, and carried unanimously, the thanks of the Encampment were extended to the Committee on Rules, Regulations and Resolutions for the manner in which it had performed its duty.

COMRADE H. E. SMITH:

I desire to offer on the floor, the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Encampment indorse the candidacy of Past Department Commander C. A. Simmons for the office of Commander-in-Chief, and do hereby instruct the delegates-at-large and request the duly elected delegates to the National Encampment at Boston, Mass., September 1-3, to strive by every legitimate means to secure his election.

The foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted.

(Cries of "Speech.")

COMRADE C. A. SIMMONS:

Comrades, I see on the floor of this Encampment men who were loyal to me in two terms as Department Commander. The working force, the fighters of the organization, many of them are here, and it is a compliment for any man to receive the indorsement of such a body of men as you. I deem it as such. If it should be my fortune to be elected Commander-in-Chief, it would be my aim to give an administration as good as we have had before. I do not know whether I could do it, but it would be my aim, and with the loyal support of the men of New York, with the loyal support of united New York, I believe that it could be done. I thank you, Comrades. I have no ambition personally for this office, because it seems to me that the office is a very high one, and, of course, is looked to by the Comrades of the order. First of all, I am placing the interest of the organization, and if this Encampment believes that you have settled upon a man who can handle a National Administration not only to the credit of the National Encampment, but to the honor of New York, then I am glad to stand. (Great applause.)

PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF WARD:

This action of the Encampment makes it expedient that there should be a reconsideration of a resolution which was adopted yesterday, designating Saratoga Springs as the place of the next National Encampment.

Comrade Ward then at length argues the claims of the Pacific slope, and moves the reconsideration of the resolution indorsed in Saratoga Springs.

The motion to reconsider is unanimously carried.

He then moved and seconded that the matter be laid upon the table.

This motion is unanimously carried.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ward moved that before proceeding to ballot for candidates, a committee of five be appointed by the Chair to recommend candidates for the Council of Administration and delegates to the National Encampment.

This motion, being duly seconded, was unanimously carried.

The Chair appointed on the foregoing committee the following gentlemen: Comrade Hamilton Ward, Frank Keck, C. A. Simmons, Joseph Kaiser, Frederick C. Kuehnle.

THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

It gives me pleasure to introduce to this Encampment a man who comes from the land of Browning and Emerson — it gives me pleasure to introduce a Comrade from the grand old Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Comrade Dwyer.

COMMANDER DWYER:

I feel in the position of the fellow who appeared on the platform to address an audience and who started in by saying, "I hardly know what to talk about," and a boy in the gallery called out, "Talk about a minute." I think that is what you would want me to do. But I must talk a little longer. I appreciate the fact that you are in encampment and that you have important business to transact and that time is precious and that it would not be right for me to take too much of it. It would be tough on you, and this reminds me of another story of Mary Ann, an old maid who died in a little town outside of Boston, and who was buried, and they erected a stone over her grave bearing this inscription:

"Here lie the remains of Mary Ann;
She rests in the arms of Abraham."

One of those horrid men who was always passing along and doing things added to the inscription these words:

"This may be nice for Mary Ann,
But it's mighty tough on Abraham."

It might be pleasant for me to stand here and talk to you, but it would not be fair to you. But it is a pleasure to come to your encampment at Troy and bring to you the greetings of the Department of Massachusetts, and on behalf of the Department of Massachusetts and the Camps and individuals of the department, to extend to you a most cordial invitation to attend the National Encampment on September 1st, 2d and 3d. (Great applause.) And

I can promise you, Comrades, that you will never regret your visit to Boston. Able committees have been at work for weeks preparing to entertain you, and the programme which they have mapped out will meet with the approval of all, I am sure. The Encampment opens on the 1st of September, but we will really begin before that time, as it is figured out that a greater part of the delegates will be in Boston the day before, so we are going to give a complimentary dinner to the Commander-in-Chief and his guests, and to the guests of the Grand Army. That will be held in the Quincy House.

A motion is made that the influence of delegates to the National Encampment be used to secure the election of Comrade Wilson as Surgeon-General for the Department. Comrade Bernard Fagan nominated Comrade Schneidenbach for the position of Surgeon-General, and some discussion followed.

COMRADE WILSON :

I cannot go to Boston and compromise the candidacy of Comrade Simmons one iota, and if there is any possibility of a picayune office like Surgeon-General compromising the office of Commander-in-Chief, then I want to withdraw my name right now.

After more discussion the following motion was made by Comrade Larkin :

COMRADE ERNEST W. LARKIN :

Inasmuch as we have two men before us, it would be impossible for the delegates from New York to choose between them. I move that the matter of the indorsement of any of our Comrades for Surgeon-General be laid upon the table.

Upon being duly seconded, the motion was unanimously carried.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, it was

Resolved, That the Rev. W. H. I. Reaney be indorsed to the National Encampment as Chaplain-in-Chief.

The Committee on Credentials, through its chairman, makes its final report to the encampment.

COMRADE D. J. MURPHY :

If it is in order, I move you, Mr. Chairman, that it is the sense of this body, inasmuch as we are about now to proceed to the elec-

tion of officers, that none but white ballots be used. (Unanimously carried.)

COMRADE FRANK KECK:

Before proceeding to the election, I would like to read a communication. It was hoped and desired by quite a number that Colonel Fowler would be elected to the position of Department Commander. Yesterday he made up his mind and decided that he did not desire, under certain circumstances, to be a candidate, and he communicated with me this morning and delivered to me this letter and I thought that the Encampment would be pleased to have me read it:

TROY, N. Y., *August 5, 1908.*

MAJOR FRANK KECK:

MY DEAR MAJOR.—On the solicitation of a large number of friends, including yourself, I consented to the use of my name as a candidate for Department Commander, United Spanish War Veterans, for the State of New York, and have attended the deliberations of the Encampment here during the past two days, meeting the comrades and forming many pleasant acquaintances.

At the session yesterday a resolution was adopted in effect requiring that any candidate for election must have been a member of the order for a term of not less than one year, the resolution to go into effect on and after 1909. It is true that it would not operate legally against my candidacy this year, although I have not been a member of the order for the full period of a year. At the same time the resolution clearly indicates the sense of the Encampment, and, to be candid, I believe the requirement is eminently proper and carries with it potency and force, and should be applicable in spirit as much this year as it would be next year. Considering this fact and deciding to be guided by it, I cannot now consent to the further consideration of my name at this time, and you will therefore kindly refrain from presenting my name as a candidate to the Encampment.

Please express to my friends the deep appreciation I have for their efforts in my behalf, assure them of my friendship and state frankly that they are free to vote for any candidate of their choice.

Assure the order that it has my best wishes for success, and trusting that the Encampment will act wisely in its choice of a Commander, I am,

Cordially yours,
(Signed) EDWARD S. FOWLER.

PAST COMMANDER C. A. SIMMONS:

We have been honored by the presence in our midst of a remarkably brilliant man, and I propose three cheers for Colonel Fowler. (The cheers are given with a will.)

COMRADE SAUL CAMING:

I question the legality of the resolution passed yesterday —

COMRADE KECK:

I call the Comrade to order. If he has a motion to make, we will listen to him; the Comrade is taking up valuable time.

The Chair declared a recess for five minutes.

AFTER RECESS.

The Chair appointed Comrades John C. Stein and George B. Scott tellers of election and Comrade Peter E. Bartnett judge.

On motion, duly seconded and carried, it is resolved that nominations be made from the floor and that the roll call of the Encampment be not necessary.

COMRADE YOUNG:

I think the reason there is a diffidence in naming anybody here in this encampment is due to the fact that all of us feel that nobody could be named who would be a worthy successor to our present Department Commander. I am not going to make a speech, because the occasion does not require it, but I have the great honor to present you for re-election as our Department Commander Rear-Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan. (Cheers.)

COMRADE MAURICE SIMMONS:

I rise to second the nomination of our illustrious Shipmate.

On motion duly seconded and carried, the nominations were ordered closed.

On motion duly made and carried, the Department Adjutant was asked to cast one ballot for Rear-Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan.

This was done, and Rear Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan was by the Chair declared unanimously re-elected.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I can assure you I appreciate very, very highly what you have just done, and whether you are in earnest, or whether in fun, it is very pleasant to have. I feel like the minister who was very highly complimented on his sermon, and when flattered very much by his parishioners said, "Tut, tut, my friends, that don't pass with us ministers; that falls off my back like water off a duck," and one of the ladies said, "Yes, I know it falls off, but the duck likes it, anyhow." I am sorry to say that I cannot serve. I can bring certificates from four doctors that I must not do any such work this year, and besides I have a family to look after still, and I want to live for another year, at least.

THE DEPARTMENT SENIOR-VICE COMMANDER:

The Admiral having declined, the matter is still before the house in exactly the same condition as before.

COMRADE KAISER:

I move a reconsideration of the motion carried by this house.

COMRADE ISIDORE WEILL:

I move that, owing to the fact that the worthy Commander has declined a re-election, we go into the nomination of Department Commander. (Seconded and carried.)

REV. W. H. I. REANEY:

I request all the brothers — Comrades — to take their seats.

Admiral, Comrades, and Shipmates: After this magnificent and noisy outburst, sir, I feel that I am free to go and seek

amongst my Comrades one who, however worthy, will never be able to follow, sir, the magnificent path which has been marked out for him by your remarkable, honest, American and internationally marked career. Never again, sir, in the history of our order will we be honored as we have been honored at this present moment by a candidate who holds the position that Admiral Coghlan holds at this time. When God created nature's noblemen, He blessed the sea, the greater part of His creation as far as we can know it, by giving it its master, the sailor, that soul of souls and nature's nobleman, our distinguished Admiral; and he, true to his high status, loved what God loved; true to the interpretation of God's all creative power, his prototype, in all sincerity, was that immortal one who said that this government is a government of the people that God loved best, and for the people that God loved best, and by the people that God loved best — the plain people, the multitudes; and the multitudes, the common people, have ever been honored by sending forth such high standard bearers as our present never-to-be-forgotten Chief Commander of this great Empire State of New York. In a class by himself, it is impossible for us to ever succeed him by placing his equal in the place.

The man of big proportions who consented to see if we and the spirit of our order wanted him as its banner bearer, and who came nearer — was he, who, because of the fortuitous circumstances of his position, was to permit his name to be presented to us this morning, but who at the very moment he saw that the spirit of this encampment, though not operative at the moment — as soon as he saw the spirit, and to prove that he was in the line of succession to big men, got up last night and said: "Because of the resolution passed this morning, the sentiment of the encampment is that no man can occupy that office until he has been with the order one year, and I have not, and, inasmuch as I am a true soldier and have the interest of the order at heart, I ask my friends to withdraw my name" — thereby proving that he was in the line of nearest approach to Admiral Coghlan.

Eliminating him, therefore, in coming down the line, we come to many standard bearers. And first, it is most fitting that we hold this encampment under the Admiral's rule in the grand old martial city of Troy. Of all the world, perhaps, Troy has sent

forth the most unique military characters. There is one that stands out, and all Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic know him, and all these Comrades here from the Greater City of New York will know him; one whose proudest boast is that he was a citizen of Troy. Though to the manner born, a son of one of the first and greatest representatives of one of the most patriotic families that ever existed in this State of New York — and I refer to that good old solid Dutch Reformed blood which is represented by our present Chief Executive — though an exemplar of that strain, and that strain is the most patriotic strain running through the blood of our whole country — the old Dutch — he is one of the people. I refer to Father Olmstead, the great Brigadier General, who, after fighting bloody fights and going through the wilderness of the West, is now crowning his endeavors in God's service by getting up every morning at four o'clock to work among the poor in the slums of the great city. If this is not a picturesque man from Troy, then who is? And I would refer to another man — he is not here, perhaps; I do not know — but he is another picturesque military man of this City — one whom bullets failed to kill and whom even the poisonous arrows of the fierce Moros failed to put away. I will not call his name — he is too modest — but he was wounded eleven times, and he is a private in the war veterans of the City of Troy. And again it is most picturesque because the Camp here, Marcus Russell Camp, named after one of the Rough Riders, has kept before us the grand status of his tragic and patriotic death. I say that it is most fitting, sir, that this should be the locality in which you wield your gavel over this assembly of Comrades.

We have in the field a Comrade who stands out like a cameo — a man who has worked in the ranks — a man gifted by Almighty God with a magnificent brain — a man who is as gentle as a dove, and, at the same time, like all brave men, was ever faithful to his duty, his whole duty, wherever he saw it or found it. This man two years ago came to see me and said, "Father, I expect with reasonable certainty that in two or three or four years I will be so placed with regard to the possession of this world's goods that I ask you to be my almoner, and I am going to give you a certain amount of money to disburse in charities as

you may see fit. Two years ago this man stood out prominently amongst all his Comrades. He is of the people and for the people. Having the proper conception of his duties before God and man, he stands to-day as the husband of one of the noblest women of the many noble women that make Brooklyn what it is — the City of Churches. Realizing, as I say, his responsibilities before Almighty God, he has been blessed beyond measure in having in his immediate family seven grand boys, and his wife, their mother, was willing, for the sake of these sons, to let him make the sacrifice which would stand out before them an example. She willingly would let them follow in the footsteps of their father and, like the Maccabean mother, would bravely stand by and give them the fatal muskets, or strap the swords around their noble girths, and bid them take her heart — the father's honor and the mother's heart — and go forth and fight to the death, if need be, for their country's flag. Nathan Hale's only regret was that he had but one life to give for his country; but this noble woman is proud in the fact that she has eight lives to give, the father's life and the life of every son, and in them she would die not one death but eight, if need be, for the flag. Brooklyn is nobly represented, and the Order would be nobly represented in the election of Comrade Henry Young, of Brooklyn.

And we have other candidates in the field. Troy certainly comes prominently forward — and Albany also — linked together by the Arsenal at Watervliet — they will always be the faithful mother of brave sons and we have their candidates.

The time has come when this Order of ours must be an educational Order. The time has come when the condition of affairs in our country is such that the people are demanding actual facts. They say, "Show us." They hear magnificent talks and they say, "It is all theory." Where is the representation? You went to war because you said to England, "We are taxed without representation," and you went to war because you had the courage of your convictions in those days. You brought about the existence of this magnificent country, and one of your articles of faith is, "No taxation without representation." No representation, no taxation — and taxation, therefore representation. The time has come when we have to look about us and see communities of citi-

zenship, and the larger and more powerful a community of citizenship is, the more careful must we be in regard to our duties as citizens in giving these people their absolute rights. Now, every possible phase of man has been represented in our Order. When a man takes the oath of allegiance to the United States he is not asked this, "Was your fatherland this or that?" They do not ask that discriminating question. We are all Americans. We are all Comrades, and should one who was born of an immigrant father be harmed in any country of the world our flag should mean to him, the humble-born son of an immigrant, what it would mean to a Comrade who, like Major Keck, was a Son of the Revolution on his father's side and on his mother's side. Back of our citizenship and back of our flag we have these humble people, and thousands and thousands of millions of dollars have been spent in education in order to impress upon this class of people that they are the coming people, because this is a government of the people and for the people and by the people.

The Comrade I want to present for your consideration is rich beyond measure; for I say to every one of you that if a brainy, imperial-willed, solid, red-blooded love for the American flag and all that it represents burns brightly in the heart of any Comrade, it burns no brighter than in the heart of Maurice Simmons. (Great applause and cheers.) You are all big men. Every one feels that this Organization belongs to him alone — there will be absolutely no gag law with him. As soon as we forget our individuality, as soon as we are submerged, why, then sir, there is weakness striking our order in the marrow-bone of its existence. Every man has a right to declare his convictions in this encampment, and every man has the absolute control over his own ballot. It remains for every one to be impartial, to study for himself. Would our country at large, would our State in particular, be the gainer by the election of such a one or such a one? What is his sphere? How many eyes are turned upon this candidate or that? And those who see the beauties, who understand the beauties, can very well find in each magnificent qualifications, and you are satisfied that everything would be safe in his hands. And, again, how many men are back of this one or that one? To whom does he speak? Is it one thousand or more? What are the facts

for consideration? This is the lesson that must be taught, if you want to know why it is that a brilliant young lawyer, one of the most brilliant we have in the Empire State and one with the cleanest record we have, is here as a candidate. If you want to find an ideal representative of an ideal race which has been forced to be absolutely united, if you want to find a leader of the people, if you want to have a man who is proud of his poor old father and poor old mother, and if you want to have a man who will bring the truth before the poor and instruct the people who are clamoring for facts and not promises, then send the man who alone in your Order represents the vast and great number of those from whom the privates must come and those who certainly have the God-given power of being faithful to all that is meant by the American flag, the flag of our country, the flag for which this boy and thousands of others of his Comrades enlisted. As far as he is a representative of the great masses, and since the exigencies of the times demand it for the good of the country, it is up to us to say that, animated by the good of the Order, we realize that he is the man who can carry our standard before the greatest number of people, and he alone can teach them, teach them by example and prove to them and encourage them to grow up to be God-fearing citizens, remembering the God of Israel, because when the moment comes that God is forgotten, why, then, it becomes a sheer farce. But as long as we are true to God and represented by persons who, like him, are consistently proud and not ashamed of their own father and mother, and of the people of persecution from which he sprung, that man is a soldier, that man is doing good to the greatest number, and our standard will mean something, and the Spanish-American War Veterans will be able to go to the Grand Army of the Republic and say, "Behold us, no North, no South, no East, no West — no Jew, no Gentile — but, all Genteel!" (Great applause.)

The nomination of Maurice Simmons was seconded by Colonel D. J. Murphy, of Old Guard Camp No. 19, as follows:

It affords me great pleasure to put in nomination a member of my own Camp. We have fortunately, and it speaks well for the intelligence of this body, several prominent names before this encampment. They have all been taken up by the preceding

speaker, Father Reaney, and he spoke glowingly in favor of each; but I am like the man from Missouri, I want to be shown. Captain Young is a personal friend, and I know he is a good man. Mr. Roosa I only know from hearsay. Both are good men; but Maurice Simmons, whose nomination I desire to second, is a man in whom I think we have the man who "has shown," the man that has "made good." He has served during the past year as Judge-Advocate, and if you will look at the record he has made in the past year, you would not have thought that we had had a Judge-Advocate in this Department heretofore. I do not wish to reflect upon anyone, particularly, but Comrade Simmons' work has been so far in advance of his predecessors that it seems to me that Father Reaney in proposing him as a candidate for Department Commander, and I in seconding his nomination, have been favored by being able to present to this encampment a man who is capable and who has made good in an office in which he has served for the past year. He has, at great expense to himself — however, he has not considered that — sent out circulars not only to the prominent Senators and Assemblymen of this State, but to the voters who could reach these men, and has at the same time sent for information to American consuls in every nation under the sun, so that he might present intelligently and in the best form our views or wishes as regards the United Spanish War Veterans in this State. Those who have followed his work should not hesitate for a moment as to how they should cast their votes this morning. I think that we should come here desiring to see the best man selected for the place. We are fortunate in having all good men, but we want to see the *best* selected, and if we are to judge by work accomplished well, I think without stopping for a moment you should make out a ballot, if you have not already done so, in the name of Maurice Simmons. I submit his name for the votes of the delegates in this encampment, and ask every man to carefully consider his merits and his work and to give him his vote.

Commander Ehmann, of Palmer Camp No. 28, Albany, placed in nomination Comrade Philip G. Roosa, as follows:

I rise to place in nomination the name of Philip G. Roosa. To my mind, Comrades, there is no more fitting recognition of ser-

vices well performed in an organization of this kind than by rewarding a man who has filled his office and has performed his duty in the highest office in the Department. The office of Senior Vice-Commander is not one in which a man can do things which will keep him in the bright light before his Comrades, but Comrade Roosa has been ever on the alert to do everything which would be to the interest of the organization, not playing to the grand stand, but going about doing things where he saw that things could be done, and advancing the interests of the Department and by being of assistance to the administration whenever he found the opportunity. We told you last year that Comrade Roosa would be a very valuable man at the Capitol, and we told you that he would make good in any office that you might elect him to. We know that the events of the last year have confirmed our statement. We would remind the Comrades of the big cities of the promise their delegates made us last year. We all know that promises made in a campaign of this kind are apt to be very soon forgotten, but the word which one Comrade gives to another should be held sacred and we should not forget them from one year to another. Last year you told us that if we accepted the position of Senior Vice-Commander, you would watch him and if he made good you would stand by him the next year for Department Commander. He has made good. Not only in legislative work but elsewhere. He has visited the Camps in over a dozen widely scattered counties in the Department. He has started new Camps in four cities. He is a man who could fill the office of Department Commander with great ability, and he is a soldier, born of a race of soldiers, his ancestors on both sides having been in the Revolutionary War and in the Civil War. He is at present an officer in the National Guard. He stands on his record. You have all more or less an opportunity of watching his work in the last year. We ask you to stand by him now. He is a man who has made good, and we came to you and asked you last year if you would support him if he made good, and you said you would. In closing I desire to say that I have heard it said that Albany is always looking for the position of Department Commander. It is true. We have been looking for it. We have had the Senior Vice and the Junior Vice. We have one

of the best Camps in the Department, and we are looking for the office. We are proud of our Comrade; he is standing on his merits, on the record he has made, and we present to you the name of Senior Vice-Commander Philip G. Roosa for the office of Department Commander.

The Commander of Thomas H. Barber Camp No. 3 seconded the nomination of Mr. Roosa in an appropriate speech.

Comrade Frederick C. Kuehnle, of Roosevelt Camp No. 10, New York city, put in nomination the name of Captain H. F. A. Young:

It is my pleasure this afternoon to burden you with a few remarks by placing in nomination a Comrade for whom I know that those of you who have met him have the highest and sincerest regard.

I have been one of the diggers of the trenches of this organization, and the man I am going to name has been one of my co-laborers. I have helped to lay the foundation stones, and he has been one of my co-laborers. I have regard for the work that Comrade Roosa has done and for the work of Comrade Simmons has done, but I want to call attention to the fact that irrespective of all legislative difficulties that have been before us, if the road had not been prepared—if the work prepared by Roosa, and by Simmons was not followed up by a man like Young, it would not have been accomplished. In discussing what has been done, let us not make fish of one and fowl of another. Let us give due consideration to the work that has been done, to all the work done, and by whom it has been done, and not centre upon one man as having done it all and say that the rest have done nothing. I ask you to consider when you come to cast your vote, as to who has worked and worked effectively.

Comrade Kuehnle proceeded at same length in his argument in favor of Captain Young, and Captain Young's nomination was seconded in an appropriate speech by Mr. John T. Oates, of Joseph S. Decker Camp No. 20, Staten Island.

Nominations were declared closed and the encampment proceeded to ballot.

John J. O'Rourke, of Joseph S. Decker Camp No. 20, moved, and the motion was duly seconded and carried, that while the

ballots were counted, candidates for the office of Senior Vice-Commander be put in nomination.

COMRADE WEIL:

Comrades, I have been asked to place in nomination a Comrade for Senior Vice-Commander. It has been customary to give the City in which the encampment was held a representative on the Board of Officers. The City of Troy has requested me to put forward one of its faithful sons, a man who has done a great deal for the order and a man who has served for the past year on the Council of Administration.

Comrade proceeds to place in nomination for the office of Senior Vice Department Commander, Comrade William J. Cunningham of Troy.

Delegate A. M. Hall, of Robert C. Anderson Camp No. 26, Oswego, placed in nomination for the office of Senior Vice-Commander, Comrade John D. Driscoll of Elmira.

The Commander of Marcus D. Russell Camp No. 2, of Troy, seconds the nomination of Comrade William J. Cunningham.

The nomination of John D. Driscoll is seconded by Past Department Commander, Frank Keck.

Upon motion duly seconded, the nominations were now declared closed.

Comrade Bernard Fagan placed in nomination the name of Comrade John S. Adair for the office of Junior Vice-Department Commander.

At this point the result of the ballot cast for the office of Department Commander was announced as follows: Total votes cast, 149; for Maurice Simmons, 84; for H. A. F. Young, 40; for Philip G. Roosa, 25.

Comrade Young in an appropriate speech moved that the election of Maurice Simmons be made unanimous, and, also, in an appropriate speech, this motion was seconded by Comrade Philip G. Roosa. The motion was unanimously carried.

The encampment adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTER RECESS.

Commander-elect Maurice Simmons is conducted to the chair by Past Department Commanders Frank Keck and C. A. Simmons.

ADMIRAL COGHLAN :

The last business was the nomination of a Junior Vice-Commander.

PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF WARD :

Manhattan Camp has presented our worthy Comrade, John S. Adair. As one of the old members of this organization, and one acquainted with the conditions in western New York, and one who has always tried to do whatever he could for the organization, I want seriously to advise you to put one of these offices of Senior or Junior Vice-Commander from another section of the State. I ask you who is to visit our Camps?

I think it is for the best interests of the organization to place in that position, the position of Junior Vice, a man from up the State, and I would like to present to you one who is the head of our Joint Buffalo City Board.

Continuing, Past Commander Ward proceeded to put in nomination for the position of Junior Vice-Commander, Comrade Emil Wohler, of Seyburn-Liscum Camp No. 13.

Comrade O'Rourke, of Decker Camp, seconds the nomination of John S. Adair.

Commander Hamilton, of Hubbell Camp, seconds the nomination of Emil Wohler, of Buffalo.

At this point Comrade Stein asked to be relieved, and is replaced by S. J. Stone, of Oneonta, as ballot clerk.

COMRADE JOHN S. ADAIR :

Since I have been placed in nomination, I desire to say that I did not come here to seek any office. For us down the State, I think that the office of Department Commander is office enough, but I am in the hands of my friends. Some of us thought down there that we got very little representation for the money. Pretty

near all of the per capita tax of all the Camps comes from there. I agree now with Comrade Ward that the up-the-State people ought to be recognized. I did not make my mind up to support anybody for the position of Department Commander until yesterday, and we had a caucus in the camp. That is, of course, all over. We agreed upon the winner. Manhattan Camp always wants the winner. The office means nothing to me. I have been connected with the order for a number of years, and I have always worked for the good of the order, and I now decline the nomination.

PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF WARD:

On behalf of western New York I want to say that we appreciate that. I recognize that the boys from New York have the votes. It shows that they are standing for our recognition up here.

COMRADE BERNARD FAGAN:

I move that the Department Adjutant cast one vote for Comrade Emil Wohler for Department Junior Vice-Commander.

The motion is unanimously carried and the Adjutant casts one vote for Comrade Emil Wohler, who is declared unanimously elected to the office of Junior Vice Department Commander.

COMRADE WOHLER:

I wish to thank you for the honor you have conferred upon me. I want to say that I realize the position means work, and that I shall do my best to discharge my duties to your satisfaction.

Comrade Bernhardt Wall, of Manhattan Camp No. 1, New York City, in an appropriate speech places in nomination for the office of Inspector, Comrade Frank D. Lakestream, of Theodore Roosevelt Camp No. 10, New York city. His nomination is duly seconded.

COMRADE FREDERICK C. KUEHNLE:

I am sure it is a deplorable state of mind I find myself in at present time. At a little caucus of Theodore Roosevelt Camp had on Tuesday, we decided on presenting the name of Frank D. Lake-

stream for Department Inspector, and it was our hope that we would be privileged to mention the name. I learn that it has been duly put in nomination and seconded, and I wish to add the second of the nomination of Roosevelt Camp to the name of Frank D. Lakestream for that position.

Comrade Geo. W. McCune, of Troy, places in nomination Comrade Michael Howard for the position of Department Inspector. The nomination is duly seconded, and nominations are closed.

At this point it is announced that the ballots have been counted in the vote for Senior Vice Department Commander.

The result of the ballot was as follows: Total ballots cast, 119; for John D. Driscoll, 58; for Cunningham, 58; ballots blank, 3.

Result a tie.

The Chair orders the preparation of ballots for the second time.

A communication is presented by Clara F. Lakestream, Secretary of the Ladies' Auxiliary, and on motion duly seconded, is ordered spread upon the minutes. A copy is as follows:

TROY, N. Y., August 5, 1908.

ADMIRAL JOSEPH B. COGHLAN, *Commander Department N. Y.,
U. S. W. V.:*

DEAR SIR and COMRADE.—The Auxiliaries of the Department of New York in Encampment assembled, send to you and all our other Comrades of this Department, our heartfelt greetings, and I am directed by vote of the Encampment to express to you the thanks of this body for your courtesy in inviting us to participate in the opening ceremonies in the Court House on Monday and again on Tuesday morning.

Fraternally yours in F., P. and H.,

CLARA F. LAKESTREAM,

Secretary.

Commander-elect Simmons states that at the local armory to-night there has been arranged an installation of the officers elected at this Encampment, that the Grand Army of the Republic is conducting the function, which is a tribute from the older to the

younger veterans, and he earnestly requests that as many of the Comrades as possible will attend the function.

The result of the ballot of the office of Senior Vice-Commander is now announced as follows: Total votes cast, 115; for Driscoll, 61; for Cunningham, 53; ballots blank, 1.

Comrade John D. Driscoll, having received a majority of the votes cast, is declared elected to the office of Senior Vice Department Commander.

Comrade Cunningham moves that the election be made unanimous. This motion is duly seconded and unanimously carried.

Comrade E. W. Larkin places in nomination Comrade Garret Johnson, of Camp No. 11, for the position of Department Surgeon. The nomination is duly seconded, and it is moved and seconded that nominations be closed and that the Adjutant of the Department be instructed to cast one ballot for Comrade Johnson. This is done, and Comrade Johnson is declared unanimously elected.

Dr. Johnson accepts in a short speech.

COMRADE KECK:

I want you to bear in mind that I have not got the habit (of speaking). I wish to continue in the confidence of this order as long as it is possible for me to do so, and I shall take an active interest in the work of the organization, so that you will pardon me if I appear on the floor again to nominate a candidate, and to nominate that candidate for the office of Judge-Advocate. When I was a Major in the Spanish War in Cuba and in Florida, I had an orderly, and that orderly was brave, was loyal, was faithful, and he got sick — as usual. He went through all that I went through — came home, went back to business, and is to-day a practicing attorney of New York City. It is a very important thing that the Judge-Advocate should be in close touch with the Department Commander, and as Department Commander we have selected a man who took such an active interest in legislation last year that it is a good thing to have a man right near him so that he can advise with him, direct him and have him follow in his

footsteps. I take great pleasure in naming my friend and Comrade, W. Martin Watson.

Nomination seconded by Comrade James F. Court.

On motion, duly seconded and carried, nominations are closed.

COMRADE WATSON:

This is a case where the office has sought the man, because I have fought against the idea of my running for Judge-Advocate. The last Judge-Advocate, Maurice Simmons, has set for me such a high standard, that it is going to take a great effort to even approach the standard he has set; but I am sure, with his assistance, I will be able to at least make a showing for the order. I want to say that while I am a busy man — and that is why I did not want to accept — I will try to maintain the high standard set for me by Maurice Simmons.

At this point the result of the vote for Inspector was announced as follows: Total votes cast, 109; for Frank D. Lakestream, 81; for Michael Howard, 25; void ballots, 3.

THE CHAIR:

Do you accept the office?

COMRADE LAKESTREAM:

I do, sir, with a consciousness of what the office means.

On motion, duly seconded and carried, it was ordered that the Department Adjutant cast one ballot for Comrade W. Martin Watson for the office of Judge-Advocate.

The Adjutant casts one ballot and Comrade W. Martin Watson is declared elected.

THE CHAIR:

Comrade Watson, do you accept?

COMRADE WATSON:

I do, sir.

COMRADE L. T. FETZER:

In the history of human endeavor we have set up many standards for the judgment of men. One of the first standards is living in friendship with him. Another standard by which we judge the character of an individual is his service to us; and a third standard is when we meet him as an opponent. In looking around this room I cannot see one man that will oppose the election of the man I desire to place before you. I see everywhere his friends, and it is because you are his friends that I desire to say to you what I intend to say. When we come, then, to see whether my candidate will measure up to those standards we fix, I can testify that in one, at least, he does, and that is the one I desire to discuss. I have met our candidate as an opponent. I have met him in a contest which was close — which was fought strongly, fought with vigor. But in fighting with him, I found what our progenitors found when they fought against those men from the South — I found a foe who was worthy — who was strong — who was equal at least if not superior to me — I found that he fought as a man, as a Christian, as a gentleman, and that in no sense, and at no time and nowhere did he deviate from manly efforts and fair treatment to me. I found that he in no way violated the oath to the church that he took when he became her representative. I can look back to him with the greatest respect, the kindest regard and the greatest desire to advance him in anything in which he desires to be advanced. Now, you know him in his service to you as an officer. You know he has served you long and faithfully as Chaplain of this Department and of the National Encampment of our grand organization. You know that each of you and almost everyone of you has taken him to your heart as a friend, as an adviser, as a counselor. We know him by all three of these great standards which we set up to judge mankind. He is the greatest exemplar of the cloth he wears so ably, and a man need only see him to respect him — a man need only meet him and know him to love him. We all love him — and therefore I scarcely need to ask you to rise en masse to second the nomination of our Chaplain, Father W. H. I. Reaney.

Father Reaney's nomination is warmly seconded in a glowing tribute to his worth by Comrade Clinton P. Hamilton.

COMRADE MAURICE SIMMONS:

I rise to second the nomination of the man who, in spirit, is the exemplar of the principle of the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God. I move that the Adjutant be instructed to cast one ballot.

Motion unanimously carried. Father Reaney is declared elected Chaplain.

Marshal Saul Caming nominates Terence J. O'Donnell, of Guy V. Henry Camp No. 38, to succeed him as Marshal. The Commander of Old Guard Camp No. 19, seconds the nomination.

On motion, duly made and seconded and carried, the Adjutant is instructed to cast one ballot for Terence J. O'Donnell for the office of Marshal.

This the Adjutant does, and the Chair declares Terence J. O'Donnell elected Marshal. Comrade O'Donnell accepts the office.

The committee appointed to select candidates for the Council of Administration, and delegates and alternates to the National Encampment made the following report:

The undersigned, your Committee, duly appointed, recommend to the Encampment the names of the following Comrades for delegates and alternates to the National Encampment:

AT LARGE.

Delegates.

William F. Morgan, No. 22.
Bernhardt Wall, No. 1.
H. A. F. Young, No. 4.
John J. O'Rourke, No. 20.

Alternates.

Wm. A. Reardon, No. 62.
J. F. Dwyer, No. 5.
L. T. Fetzer, No. 1.
A. B. Gilfillan, No. 13.

TO FILL VACANCIES.

Louis R. Pennell, No. 11.	L. T. Fetzer, No. 1.
Isidore Weil, No. 19.	James F. Rice, No. 4.
Arthur Fairlamb, No. 19.	J. F. Court, No. 19.
William B. Delahunt, No. 13.	W. T. Redmond, No. 19.

Joseph Egan, No. 13.	H. E. Smith, No. 4.
H. S. McKnight, No. 67.	J. E. Reilly, No. 38.
W. J. Cunningham, No. 2.	Frank H. Wood, No. 38.
Bernard Hilt, No. 2.	George J. Reyhing, No. 10.
J. Williams, No. 2.	F. D. Lakestream, No. 10.
F. Veshia, No. 2.	Joseph C. O'Neill, No. 4.
William Downs, No. 1.	John T. Oates, No. 20.
George A. Casey, No. 37.	Joseph G. Berk, No. 46.
Charles O. Davis, No. 28.	II. J. McMahon, No. 7.
W. S. Stiles, No. 46.	Frederick C. Madden, No. 38.
E. W. O'Brien, No. 8.	C. C. Yeamans, No. 8.
John D. Driscoll, No. 40.	C. F. Cronin, No. 1.
Albert P. Weston, No. 19.	Emil Wohler, No. 13.
Edward T. Lawrence, No. 19.	J. K. Sague, No. 44.
Andrew G. McGurvey, No. 17.	J. J. Murphy, No. 31.
Harry Richards, No. 13.	John P. Devane, No. 38.
James O'Connor, No. 2.	O. F. Berger, No. 10.
C. A. Oliver, No. 2.	M. J. Reagan, No. 28.
J. J. Corcoran, No. 2.	L. W. Barker, No. 5.
E. Herring, No. 2.	Joseph Kaiser, No. 66.
Peter Bartnett, No. 37.	J. S. Wilson, No. 44.
William F. Morgan, No. 22.	J. J. McCafferty, No. 28.
E. C. Keithley, No. 16.	Isidor Freid, No. 19.
A. M. Hall, No. 26.	

TROY, N. Y., *August 5, 1908.*

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

HAMILTON WARD,
FRANK KECK,
FREDERICK C. KUEHNLE,
E. C. KEITHLEY.

The undersigned, your Committee, duly appointed, recommend to the Encampment the names of the following Comrades for members of the Department Council of Administration:

1. Joseph Kaiser, No. 66.
2. Miles A. Havens, No. 33.
3. George Allen, No. 25.

4. H. J. McMahon, No. 7.
5. A. B. Davis, No. 46.
6. Peter Bartnett, No. 37.
7. John H. Ehmann, No. 28.
8. John S. Adair, No. 1.

TROY, N. Y., *August 5, 1908.*

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed)

HAMILTON WARD,
FRANK KECK,
FREDERICK C. KUEHNLE,
E. C. KEITHLEY.

Considerable discussion followed the submission of this report, particularly on the question of the names presented for the Council of Administration. Finally Comrade C. A. Simmons made the motion that the Adjutant read the names on the report in order and where there was no objection to the name, the Comrade be declared elected. (Carried.)

Adjutant reads the name of Joseph Kaiser. Declared elected.

The Adjutant reads the name of Miles A. Havens. Declared elected.

The name of George Allen is read and declared elected in the same way.

The Adjutant reads the name of H. J. McMahon. It is moved that the name of Frank Rusch be substituted. Comrade D. J. Murphy moves as an amendment that Comrade McMahon be continued as a member of the Council of Administration.

The amendment is carried and the name of H. J. McMahon is continued and the Comrade is declared elected.

The names of A. B. Davis, Peter E. Bartnett, John H. Ehmann and John S. Adair are in turn read by the Adjutant, and each in turn is declared elected.

The names presented in the report as recorded in these minutes are the names as finally decided upon by the Encampment.

Comrade William F. Morgan suggests the name of Isidore Weil as a delegate-at-large.

THE CHAIR:

I can put him on the list of delegates, but not as a delegate-at-large.

The name of Isidore Weil is put on the list of delegates to fill vacancies.

On motion, unanimously carried, a vote of thanks is given to the local Camp for its entertainment.

On motion, unanimously carried, a vote of thanks is given to the citizens of Troy, and it is ordered that the appreciation of their hospitality be expressed through the press.

A vote of thanks, on motion, unanimously carried, is given to the press of the city of Troy.

COMRADE D. J. MURPHY:

The Mayor gave us the keys. We should now give them back, and I move that we give the Mayor a vote of thanks.

Motion unanimously carried.

On motion, unanimously carried, a vote of thanks is given to the outgoing officers of the Department.

COMRADE FRANK KECK:

It is usual before the adjournment to install the new officers, and those who are present ought to be presented —

THE CHAIRMAN:

I will state for the information of the Comrades present that Comrade Cunningham, of Troy, informs me that arrangements have been made to install the officers at installation exercises this evening. Now, as I understand it, there is nothing further except the installation of officers. A motion to adjourn is in order.

After singing "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," the Encampment adjourned.

APPENDIX "A."

Department Quartermaster's Report.

TROY, N. Y., *August 1, 1908.*

To the officers and delegates of the Fifth Annual Encampment of the Department of New York, United Spanish War Veterans, held in the city of Troy, N. Y., on August 3, 4 and 5, 1908.

COMRADES.—In accordance with the rules and regulations I have the honor to submit herewith my report as Department Quartermaster, covering the period from August 20, 1907, to August 3, 1908:

Balance received from Past Quartermaster Adair...	\$576 68
Received from all sources during term.....	1,937 23
Total	\$2,513 91
Expenditures for all purposes.....	2,150 31
Balance on hand	\$363 60

There is also due the Department the following amounts:

Balance on printing U. S. W. V. Bulletin.....	\$18 00
Supplies, General Joe Wheeler Camp No. 70.....	8 30

During the term the amount of \$191.78 was expended in the purchase of supplies for the purpose of filling requisitions of Camps forwarded to Department Headquarters, in amount \$267.37, thereby realizing for the Department a profit of \$75.59. There is still due this account the amount of \$8.30 from General Joe Wheeler Camp No. 70 for supplies furnished that Camp. In order to make this feature of gaining additional revenue for the Department a success, it is strongly urged that all Camps forward their requisition for supplies through Department Headquarters, thus warranting the purchase of supplies on a large

scale and thereby reaping a correspondingly larger profit. The transactions with the Adjutant-General during the past term amounted to \$884.21, including National per capita tax and supplies. In order to permit this office to have a full knowledge of the payments due to National Headquarters by the Camps of this Department, the practice followed by some Camps in forwarding remittances to National Headquarters direct should be discontinued, and all matters of this kind transmitted through Department Headquarters.

No per capita tax has been levied by the Council of Administration for the period July 1, 1908, to December 31, 1908. Notwithstanding this fact, twenty-seven Camps of the Department have paid this tax already, in the total amount of \$268.53.

The following Camps having failed to pay their per capita tax for the term ending June 30, 1908, are not in good standing in the Department, and cannot be allowed representation in this Encampment:

Hon. Stephen Sanford Camp No. 6.
Fourteenth Regiment Camp No. 14.
Baron Steuben Camp No. 47.
General Francis V. Greene Camp No. 54.
Herbert L. Tracy Camp No. 55.
Gustave Kolb Camp No. 64.

All efforts have been made to collect this tax before this date, without success, and the matter is respectfully reported to the Encampment for action as may be deemed proper.

Itemized schedules of all receipts and expenditures have been submitted to the Auditing Committee of the Council of Administration, together with all vouchers covering payments, etc., and the books are now in a state for audit.

In conclusion I wish to thank the Department Commander for the honor bestowed upon me in appointing me his Quartermaster, and the Comrades through the Department for the uniform kindness and courtesy shown me during my term of office.

Fraternally yours,

F. L. BUDDE,

Department Quartermaster.

The following accounts were attached to the Quartermaster's report:

PROPERTY ACCOUNT.

1 Remington typewriter, No. 34192 (for Headquarters), value	\$40 00
1 Remington typewriter No. 28461 (for Department Adjutant), value	35 00
1 Remington typewriter, No. 18396 (for Department Quartermaster), value	30 00
1 silk American flag, staff and eagle	125 00
1 silk Department flag, staff and eagle	125 00
1 Department seal	5 00
1 electrotype	50
Furniture, Department Headquarters	10 00
Total	<u>\$370 00</u>

LIST OF CAMPS

in good standing in the Department, they having complied with General Order No. ——— dated ———— levying a per capita tax of 12½ cents on each Comrade in good standing to June 30, 1908, and representation they are legally entitled to at the rate of one delegate to every fifty Comrades in good standing or major fraction thereof:

No.	Camp.	No. Comrades.	Delegates.
1.	Manhattan	303	6
2.	M. D. Russell	104	2
3.	T. H. Barber	40	1
4.	Wm. H. Hubbell	244	5
5.	Gloucester	116	2
6.	Hon. Stephen Sanford	17	1
7.	Niagara Falls	70	1
8.	Wm. R. Carmer	26	1
9.	W. A. Wilson	36	1
10.	Theodore Roosevelt	80	2
11.	Genl. Eugene Griffin	61	1
12.	Seyburn Liscum	201	4
14.	Fourteenth Regiment	77	2
15.	Buckey O'Neill	28	1
16.	Admiral Schley Naval Squadron	96	2
17.	Major-General R. P. Hughes	43	1

No.	Camp.	No.	
		Comrades. Delegates.	
18.	Admiral Phillip Naval.....	43	1
19.	Old Guard	168	3
20.	Jos. S. Decker.....	42	1
21.	Major H. W. Lawton	36	1
22.	Capron	27	1
23.	Jas. M. Jarvis	61	1
24.	H. W. Hubbell	348	7
25.	L. B. Smith.....	348	7
26.	Robert C. Anderson	52	1
27.	W. F. Randolph	31	1
28.	F. R. Palmer	90	2
29.	W. S. Overton	22	1
30.	Neptune Naval	63	1
31.	Griffin Engineers	1	1
32.	A. C. Weller	30	1
33.	E. H. Liscum	60	1
34.	H. J. Reilly	32	1
35.	O. R. Wheeler.....	39	1
36.	Defendam	90	2
37.	N. W. Crosby	28	1
38.	General Guy V. Henry	90	2
39.	L. B. Lawton	53	1
40.	E. M. Hoffman	50	1
41.	Bruso Chauncey	20	1
42.	Colonel Walter Scott	54	1
43.	Geo. D. Russell	73	1
44.	Major John K. Sague	102	2
45.	Samuel M. Porter	74	1
46.	Sergeant Hamilton Fish	80	2
47.	Baron Steuben .....	.....	.....
48.	Admiral Sampson	26	1
49.	Naval	65	1
50.	Medina	20	1
51.	Colonel J. W. Vrooman	19	1
52.	F. C. Warner	68	1
53.	Major Frank Keck.....	68	1
54.	General Francis V. Greene .....	.....	.....
55.	Herbert L. Tracy .....	.....	.....
56.	L. W. Carlisle	43	1
57.	Wm. Cary Sanger.....	11	1
58.	Saratoga	48	1
59.	David Wilson	20	1
60.	Allyn Capron	46	1
61.	Hugo E. Kruse	20	1
62.	Wm. McKinley	41	1
63.	Hooseck	37	1
64.	Gustave Kolb .....	.....	.....
65.	Admiral B. H. McCalla.....	44	1
66.	Geo. H. Tilly	35	1

No.	Camp.	No. Comrades.	Delegates.
67.	John W. Searles .....	.....	.....
68.	Newell Rising		
69.	Admiral Cook	24	1
70.	General Joe Wheeler		
71.	Hudson . . .	50	2
Total . . .		<u>4,104</u>	<u>92</u>

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Sixth Annual Encampment.

OSWEGO, N. Y., AUGUST 2-4, 1909.



MAURICE SIMMONS,
Department Commander, 1908-1910.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SIXTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT.

The Encampment was called to order by the Department Commander, Maurice Simmons, August 2, 1909, at 10 A. M.

COMRADE F. D. CULKIN:

GENTLEMEN.—I have been delegated on behalf of the local Camp to open this Encampment, and as far as the Camp can legally convey title to the real estate, the streets and the bridges to do so. Of course, there is some doubt about the legality of the conveyance, but the City is yours. The local committees of the Spanish War Veterans are prepared to extend some facilities for your entertainment. We have a bridge here that is in trouble and it is a matter of local ordinance that heavy loads must not be carried across the bridge. (Laughter.) We desire the bridge to remain. I do not know that I can add anything further. In fact, it is not my purpose to make an extended address. I am delegated to present to you the Mayor at the formal opening of this Encampment, who will present to you, through the medium of the authority delegated to him by the electors of this City, a real, genuine, official, non-spurious welcome. (Applause and laughter.) I present Mayor John K. Smith. (Cheers.)

Ladies and Gentlemen and Comrades of the Spanish War Veterans.—This is rather a queer place for me to be to-day, I think. Everybody in the City knows that I am not an orator. However, as far as my power and will go, I extend to you the hospitality of our people, and I hope and trust that when you leave this beautiful City by the lake you will take home with you a good impression of our hospitality and that you will always have a good word for our beautiful City. I understand that the Ladies' Auxiliaries are here also. I extend to them also a hearty welcome. I hope and trust that they will enjoy themselves to the utmost capacity. Should you happen to go over the line, if you will call upon me we will straighten everything out. (Cheers and

applause—"Three cheers for the Mayor!") As far as my power goes I relieve every one of you. Anything that I can do which lies in my power I will be only too glad to do. (Cheers and applause.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Comrades and Shipmates.—We have been singularly fortunate to meet the gentleman who has offered to put into practice the great old maxim of the common law: "What is the constitution between friends?" I want to say that the generous spirit in which the Mayor has extended to us the hospitality of the City of Oswego is appreciated by us all, and henceforth we will carry inscribed on our banner, as the most popular member of the Smith family, the name of the Mayor of Oswego. (Cheers and applause.) I hope that, following the example of the British government—for history writes that after we had achieved our independence Great Britain was very reluctant to abandon her coveted Colonial possessions, and with that reluctant feeling the last fortress she abandoned in this country was Fort Oswego—with the same reluctance, but with greater love, we will withdraw from Oswego as the last spot we will want to leave. (Applause.) I am glad to state that, when the call to arms came in the great war for the preservation of our Republic, the largest quota of troops went from Oswego county, proportionately, than from any other county in the State, and we recall that with honor, Mr. Mayor. (Applause.) We also recall that from this center went forth the Ninth Regiment (applause), which, after writing its glorious achievements in the far-off Orient on the pages of American history, came back here to receive a soldier's welcome from the military people of this city. We feel at home here, appreciating the big, overflowing welcome with which Oswego greets us, and, without further words, for "brevity is the soul of wit," I assure you that we will not trespass on your hospitality. (Cheers and applause.) The Adjutant will call the list of those entitled to seats.

COMRADE CUNNINGHAM:

I move that roll-call be dispensed with pending the report of the Credentials Committee.

A Voice: Second the motion. (Carried.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Comrades and Shipmates.—Your Council of Administration met last night. We went over the program of the Encampment. We find that there are exactly three business sessions; that each business session will last two hours. The first is this one, which will be mainly occupied with preliminary routine work and the appointment of committees and the reading of annual reports, which leaves us but two sessions of two hours each for actual business — four hours in which to transact all matters that will come before this Encampment. I am sure that there will be from fifty to a hundred resolutions presented, and if you subdivide that number of resolutions among the four hours you will see how keen is the necessity for the prompt dispatch of business. I will ask those who have resolutions to submit, to do so in writing. We have been invited here as guests of the city and we want to take in some of the pleasant features of the Encampment. We will not be able to do so unless we move with dispatch. I will announce the appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee. The other committees will be announced later. Delegates will present their credentials to that Committee. Your right to vote will not be recognized unless your Camp has filed all semi-annual reports to June 30, 1909, and I take upon myself the responsibility for the following ruling, believing that the responsibility ought to rest where it belongs, viz., that Camps which have paid per capita tax up to and including June 30, 1909, will be permitted to vote. I will ask the Credentials Committee to be guided accordingly.

Credentials Committee: Charles Olivier, Chairman; William F. Woods and Isidore Weil.

As Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, to co-operate with the Department Marshal, John J. Clancy and George W. Manley, who will act with and in the absence of the Department Marshal.

The following committee will present the greetings of this Encampment to the Ladies' Auxiliary: Leo A. Thelan, chairman; Henry A. F. Young, William H. Johnson, C. A. Simmons and Emil Wohler.

The committee will immediately retire and report.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I will now read my report for the year last past.

Annual Report of Department Commander.

*To the Sixth Annual Encampment, Department of New York,
United Spanish War Veterans:*

The ideals of our Order inspire us to sacrifice. Grasping its implements of love, we labor in the vineyards of peace, with the same holy spirit that moved us in the arena of war. In the hour of need, destiny called us to uphold in honor the colors of the Republic. Each heard and heeded according to his lights. In that sacred moment of your offer of self to the nation, you ceased to be common clay, and were recast in the golden mold of martyrdom.

To-day we are banded together by common memories and in mutual helpfulness. Enumeration on the roster of our Order is a crown of distinction. Other organizations hold forth in abundance. Some are rooted in remote antiquity. Some are hereditary and preserve the traditions of feudal aristocracy. Many are world-wide in scope, and impress by the magnitude of numbers. But the gates to membership to each are opened by accidents — the accident of birth, the accident of creed, the accident of money. Membership in most is available to any one who possesses a fair character and the required entrance fee. Such membership represents nothing. Based on no individual achievement, it is no measure of the man. What is the essence of membership in our Order? Our portals are open to him alone who, glorified by willing martyrdom, laid his all at the feet of the nation. This is also the "open sesame" to the G. A. R. Peer into the sealed books of admission of every other organization in the world, and show me, if you can, a price of membership as incalculable as this.

It is now my duty to deal with the conduct of my office during the term just closed.

REVOKED CHARTERS.

I. This administration opened with a roster of seventy-one Camps. Confidential investigation disclosed that at least one-fifth of this number were either dead or afflicted with dry-rot. With a paper existence alone, their decadence had caused lamentation, and frequent adverse recommendation. Prematurely conceived, they had become deserted foundlings. No stone was left unturned

by these headquarters in their attempted rehabilitation. Determined emissaries visited each struggling center. Into the veins of moribund Camps the elixir of effort was infused. To Camps feeble in numbers or lacking in initiative were repeatedly sent sincere Comrades who spoke words of good cheer and pure counsel. Some were beyond redemption. Labor for resuscitation proved barren. Repeated recommendations for the revocation of their charters have been made by special investigators, or by my predecessors. Hoping against hope, we had hesitated to nullify their charters. A paper organization I refused to sanction. To give them position on our roster was to sail under false pretense. This condition demanded drastic action. As a result the charter of the following Camps have been revoked: Brusio-Chauncey No. 41, Medina No. 50, Francis V. Greene No. 54, and Tracey No. 55. By this necessary step three of the six Camps in the vicinity of Buffalo, and the one at Whitehall, were eliminated.

Typical of the resurrected Camps is the David Wilson No. 59, of the Bronx, New York city, which, transformed and reinvigorated, greets us with a roster intensified by 270 per cent. of additional strength.

INSTALLATIONS.

II. I attended the annual obligation of the officers of thirty-four Camps. At each function I witnessed the planting of the seed of our Order. At the altar the stern demands of duty were brought home to the breast of each officer.

Camp officers should be installed by the Department Commander, to whom they are responsible. To insure compliance with the financial and other requirements of the rules and regulations, this ceremony should be conducted only with the sanction of headquarters. If a particular installing officer is desired by the Camp, a request for such detail is the proper form. Superintendence by the central executive is the established procedure in kindred orders. This practice is justified in the experience of our associate Departments. In the State of Connecticut the Commander-in-Chief advises me that the ceremony is invariably conducted by representatives of local headquarters. Your present determinative action is invited to this proposition.

OFFICIAL VISITS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

III. During the term, I made ninety-four official visits, either at installations as aforesaid, musters of new Camps, meetings of district councils, conferences of special committees, social functions, Camp meetings or memorial services. I had planned an itinerary of visits to all the Camps in the Department. Its financial resources, however, caused the abandonment of the project. The surplus now in our treasury makes this proceeding easily available to my successor. From my desk passed some 2,100 typewritten communications. The fact that Departmental officers, without exception, personally assumed the burden of the enormous output of stenographic and typewritten work, eloquently portrays the golden threads of sacrifice with which the fabric of our Order is wrought. Compensation for this service alone would drain the Department's annual revenue many times over.

INSPECTIONS.

IV. Inspection to the military man is what the inventory is to the business man. Only thus can we gauge our resources and potentialities. To omit a thorough annual inspection savors of criminal neglect. Inspection reveals the weak points in our armor. If it be effective, no charter need be revoked. Should a Camp exhibit signs of decay, the inspector's C. Q. D. flashes to headquarters and its agencies are concentrated on the point of distress. In the past term the Department was sub-divided into ten inspectorial districts. Fortunately a Comrade of keen perception, irrepressible ardor, and unclouded intelligence, occupied the office of Department inspector. A large measure of our progress was due to Comrade Frank D. Lakestream, and his capable assistants, Past Surgeon General John H. Grant, National Aides A. W. A. Giersberg and Leo A. Thelen, Past Commanders Ernest C. Keithley, Harlin P. Hamlin, Perl A. Butts and Frederick Gorst, Commanders Charles A. Olivier and Comrades George B. Waterman, A. L. Beckhardt and S. H. Thorne.

NEW CAMPS.

V. At this distance of a decade from the Spanish War time sufficient has elapsed for the order to find itself. Only till a

Camp is established in every available locality, will the foundations of the Department be scientifically aligned. At its inception this administration was advised that this particular field had been exhausted, and that it was too late in the day to bring new Camps into being. This advice, however, we determined to put to the test of actual experience. Every center from which a body of militia went forth, every national military and naval station, and every appreciable point of Government employment in our State was investigated. A representative invested with plenary powers was sent into each, commissioned to effect an organization. The map of the State was studied and every township scrutinized. A special recruiting officer was assigned to each. Week after week the local newspapers contained his summons to muster. Perhaps one of every six chosen centers yielded results. But the harvest gathered has enriched the Department. Fourteen virile new Camps emblazon its roster.

Thomas H. Barry, No. 73, Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, was organized by Past Commander Morris J. Mendelsohn; Colonial Camp No. 75, Kingston, by Past Department Senior Vice-Commander, Phillip G. Roosa; David J. Johnson Camp No. 74, Cohoes, by Chief of Staff, W. J. Cunningham; General Theodore Wint No. 76, Fort Ontario, Oswego, by National Aide Torrey A. Ball; New Utrecht No. 77, Bath Beach, Brooklyn, by Past Commander Alfred A. Mitchell and by Past Department Inspector James S. Long; Hudson B. Moore No. 78, Newburg, by Past Department Mustering Officer, Ernest C. Keithley; Thomas H. Fitzgerald No. 79, White Plains, by Comrade Isaac Joel; Malcolm A. Rafferty No. 80, Long Island City, by National Aide Alfred J. Kennedy; Sergeant Charles Smith No. 81, Madison Barracks, by Assistant Department Inspector Howard O. Clair; Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan No. 82, Brooklyn, by Past Department Adjutant William A. Reardon; Lockport No. 83, by Assistant Department Inspector, John H. Grant; Major General Geo. F. Elliott, No. 84, Brooklyn, by President William McCauley, Brooklyn Memorial and Executive Committee, and Commander John J. Fitzgerald; West Point No. 85, West Point, by Department Adjutant Ernest W. Larkin, and Colonel John G. Butler, No. 86, Syracuse, by National Aide Leo A. Thelan.

Several attempts to form Camps in Rochester, Troy and New York city were rejected because their admission would bring weakness and not strength to us. To form puny Camps in large localities effectively organized, or to create a Camp from a seceding fragment disgruntled by the result of a Camp election is to undermine the pillars of the Department.

The necessity for the official termination of the affairs of the Department and National administrations, leave incomplete the preparation for the formation of Camps at Mechanicville, West Point (colored), Gloversville, Fort Slocum, Geneva, and among the crew of the U. S. S. "Yankee," members of the New York police and fire departments, Troop A, Troop C, and the Rough Riders.

It is gratifying to note that Camps Nos. 76 and 81 are recruited from colored troops, each with enviable military records. For their guidance they have the example of Admiral Phillip Camp No. 18, which has elicited the commendation of your Commander, and earned the respect of the Department. We are proud to share with these Comrades the heritage of common service to our common country. The men who rubbed elbows on the firing line should never draw the color line. Woe to him also who attempts to plant in our midst old world bigotry and old world race hatred.

RECRUITING.

VI. The course of nature is the law of growth and decay. Failure to recruit is decay. The momentum of numbers will help us to achieve. A full roster invigorates a Camp and replenishes its treasury. The delivery of an application blank to a recruit by the Commander after the charge at the altar with a direction to utilize it as a missionary in order to give expression to his new found zeal is a wise practice.

Either because of common self-interest, the native strength of our organization or statutory recognition accorded us as an order, the tide of recruiting has set in for our shores. The number of eligible Comrades and shipmates, however, who have not yet felt the touch of our sacred obligation is legion.

Publicity stimulates recruiting. Newspaper notices calling for recruits bring results. Accounts of Camp meetings and functions, if forwarded by the Adjutant to the local newspapers, are invariably published. In this manner the Camp, its activities, and the name of its resident officers are spread among unaffiliated Comrades. Their interest is awakened and soon their names enlarge the muster roll.

The donation of prizes is a beneficial factor in arriving at this same goal.

RELIEF.

VII. Pathetic is the daily column of distressed Comrades that enters Department Headquarters. The metropolis is the mecca of the venturesome throughout the United States. With empty haversack, and no asset but grit, each seeks its opulent opportunities. Few succeed. The mass is submerged. Penniless, they need relief or transportation to distant homes. Every Department furnishes its quota of these shattered soldiers of fortune. Our own State sends its recruits into the metropolitan army of misfortune. How shall we grapple with this problem? The treasury of Headquarters is depleted by the ordinary necessities of Department routine. Yet relief for the needy is a cardinal principle of our Order. Here is a question to tax your thought and appeal to your sympathies.

GENERAL ORDERS.

VIII. An innovation of moment is the publication of general orders in sufficient volume to reach every Comrade of the Department. The practice of printing a few copies for issuance to the Camp Adjutant has been abandoned. The general order is or is not read at meetings. In the stress of other business, frequently, it is but referred to in a cursory manner. If read in toto, the reading attracts but listless attention. On an average sixty per cent. of the membership is absent from the Camp meeting. Under the old policy, therefore, the major portion of our Comrades never knew the contents of an order. This change places the general order in each man's pocket. At leisure he can peruse and digest its provisions. He gets intimate first hand information of

the undertakings of the Department. He is equipped with its mode of thought and its plan of operation on every agitated question affecting his rights. He becomes a thinking bayonet. With this comprehensive knowledge of the Department's line of advance, he is enlisted as one of its fighting units.

The expenditure entailed is considerable. A large measure of our revenue is absorbed by it. But in this modern day printer's ink is invaluable. Who will count the cost? The Commander, who despite this outlay and its benefits, fails to distribute the orders in his Camp, should be visited with summary discipline.

UNIFORM.

IX. The returns of the annual inspection show that the Camps of the Department are, with few exceptions, uniformed. No Comrade has measured up to the regulations unless he has uniformed himself. Our uniform is a historic symbol of the coalescing of the Blue and the Gray. By wearing it on occasions of ceremony, Comrades will help familiarize the public with our Order.

RITUAL.

X. The marked improvement in ritualistic work evokes commendation. The book of ceremonies imposes on each officer the duty of memorizing his portion of the ritual. He should either memorize the ritual or resign. The recruit first comes into contact with the Order during the muster-in-ceremony. Here his first impressions are formed. Proverbially these are lasting. The sentiments of this ceremony are resonant with the ennobling ideals of the Order. Memorized, their expression inspires the recruit with eager resolve. He becomes an enthusiast. Read in a stumbling manner from a book, they distress him. Thereafter he is lost to the Order. The abridgment of the ceremony, the hurried application of the obligation alone, or the subordination of the ritual to business routine is illegal. (G. O. 4, Par. IX.)

MEMORIAL DAY.

XI. An exemplification of the spirit of our fraternity is found in the merciful ministrations of our Comrades on and around

Decoration Day. Each cold grave felt the touch of a living hand. Flags and flowers mingled with prayers in reverential tribute to the hallowed dead. In Church and Temple, on land and sea, their sacrificial services were commemorated. In well formed phalanxes the living marched, in our emblematic "Blue and Gray," to prove that the memory of the nation's departed defenders lives eternally green in the heart of the United Spanish War Veteran.

LEGISLATION.

XII. In Paragraph IX, G. O. No. 8, I summarized the situation:

With unflagging zeal the legislative program of the Department was conducted during the past season. The ten-point preference resolution was reported favorably from the Senate Judiciary Committee, but a vote was unattainable in the Senate. In the lower chamber it was referred to the Rules Committee, of which the speaker, Comrade James W. Wadsworth, Jr., was the chairman, from which its issuance was prevented.

The measure granting regulars the protection accorded to volunteers in the civil service passed the Assembly, but remained dormant in the Senate. The bill sponsored by Assemblyman Seymour Lowman and Senator Benn Conger, permitting cities of the third class, constituting most of the municipalities of the State, to appropriate the sum of \$300 for the observance of Memorial Day, to be disbursed by the president of the local common council and the Commanders and Quartermasters of G. A. R. Posts and U. S. W. V. Camps, was enacted as chapter 288 of the Laws of 1909.

The session, therefore, was fruitful of definite results. The Camps, by organized effort, were drilled for our future legislative battles. The members of the Legislature were brought into personal contact with the militant spirit of the enlarging order. Schooled by defeat, we will achieve our ends. The path to victory is paved with defeats. The Comrades are obligated to the self-denying and inspiring leadership of Judge-Advocate W. Martin Watson, who marshaled our faithful few against the allied

opposition of the various Civil Service Commissions, Civil Service Reform Association, and employee organizations of the State and the covert antagonism of both political machines. He is a rare type of comradeship. In season and out, he bestowed the ripest fruit of his brain and the warmest energies of his heart in our cause.

Enemies we have who are sleepless in opposition to the legislative recognition of veteran rights. Among these are the smug place holder who regards us as poachers on his private preserve, the politician who treats our advent into the civil service as an unwarranted seizure of the spoils on which his machine must subsist, and the visionary reformer, who affects to believe that the preferential enactment means an irruption of vandals into the civil service, whose incompetency will irremediably wreck that system.

Before the legislative committees our claims were minimized by time-servers and our services derided as a "three months' picnic." I refused to submit to these taunts in silence. In the name of our beloved Order I demanded a courteous hearing and full justice from the maligners of its motives and the traducers of its achievements.

The politician is a member of the "Missouri family." He insists on being shown. His reply to every request is: "Show me your strength." With refreshed energies let us return to the fray and emphasize the lessons taught last fall by Comrade John J. O'Rourke, of Richmond, and Department Senior Vice-Commander, John D. Driscoll, of Elmira. With the iron hand of force must we repeat the experiences of our elder veteran brethren in arms.

Preference legislation must be attained. The law surreptitiously engrafted on our statute books, which denies the regular the protection granted in the civil service to the volunteer must be repealed. The plan which vests in the G. A. R. Posts the exclusive privilege of distribution of relief funds to distressed soldiers and sailors must be enlarged so as to include as parallel agencies our own Camps, in order that the spirit of the Poor Law may be effectuated.

LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP.

XIII. Equal in importance to the work of the acquisition of recruits is that of retaining in the Camp its old members. Arrerage in dues, and inattractiveness of meetings, frequently result in a loss of interest. Prosy communications with an absentee rarely results in his restoration to the Camp. More successful is a personal visit by the Camp Commander or other devoted Comrade to the absentee's home, where a friendly appeal may be made to his loyalty to the Camp and love for the humanitarian ideals of the Order. (Par. 13, G. O. IV.)

In the past the Department has lost by suspension, death or otherwise, at least twice as many Comrades as now appear in good standing on its roster. One method of prevention I outlined in paragraph 3 of General Order No. 4:

"The bare routine of a spiritless meeting, in season and out, reflects itself in a diminishing attendance. A mere monotonous order of business repels the Comrade from the Camp. Supplement the muster by smokers, Camp fires, entertainments, stags, and kindred form of diversion. These act as pleasurable incentives to attendance. Opportunity is also thereby offered for closer appreciation and more cordial knowledge of the Comrades. Each Comrade will habituate himself to view the approaching meeting with expectancy. The fruits of this program will be an increased membership and a thriving Camp."

The solution of the problem of how we shall prevent these losses, requires the exercise of the keenest intellect assembled here. What preventatives shall we formulate?

LADIES AUXILIARY.

XIV. The Ladies Auxiliary has kept abreast of the growth of the Department. To its chain have been added eight new links. Those who are near and dear, bound to us by the ties of flesh and kindred, should share in our consecrated labors.

In the conduct of the social functions of Camps they have proved themselves an invaluable adjunct. By their efforts as voluntary recruiting officers, they have justified their reason of being. Into the agony of the Comrade's sick chamber they bring the healing presence of womanly sympathy. May high Providence fortify them in the nobility of their purposes.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

XV. An era of mutual understanding has dawned between the U. S. W. V. and the G. A. R. in this Department. At the National Encampment of the G. A. R. at Saratoga, the members of Marcus D. Russell Camp No. 2, of Troy, acted as the hospital corps. In the recent Memorial Day parade in the city of New York, the ragged flags of the G. A. R. were born aloft by the vigorous arms of our Comrades. At all our functions they have been our guests of honor. Fired by the gospel of their lives, formulated in the hour of the nation's great crisis, you sprang from the mass of our citizenship to bring testimony that in your loins pulsed their red blood. Down the pathway of the declining years the G. A. R. marches with broken steps to join the invisible host. It is decreed that we shall inherit the legacy of their teachings. By self-renunciation, by adherence to the ennobling ideals of our Order and by the purity of our service to the country in time of peace, let us make ourselves worthy of the heritage.

DEATH OF ADMIRAL COGHLAN.

XVI. Since our last Encampment the hand of death has torn from the council board of the Department its most distinguished son—shipmate Joseph B. Coghlan. A year ago the great admiral presided over your deliberations. His radiant geniality, his infectious and sympathetic humor, his deference to the weak and his humble, his sailor democracy, boundless as the ocean, and the proportions of his heroic figure, even now are painted in your memory. His character was rugged as the granite of the hills, and his optimistic nature, even in the valley of the great shadow, was refreshing as the salty sea. As the dews of death dampened his eyelids, there overflowed to us from his enfeebled heart this final benediction: "God bless the young men."

NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION.

XVII. In its prolificness the current national administration has embellished our muster-rolls with five new Departments and 75 new Camps. These and parallel undertakings have elevated the Order to a position of conceded primacy. Its wide beneficence has stimulated frozen Alaska, the distant Philippines and

each Department in the United States. It has spurred us to achievement by its energizing influences. This triumphant advance of the Order under the direction of the Commander-in-Chief, Charles W. Newton, merits your approbation.

MARTYRS OF THE MAINE.

XVIII. Are Republics ungrateful? Hushed is the battle-cry of the Spanish War, "Remember the Maine," that thrilled our souls with patriotic devotion. The battle cry of the patriot is replaced by the shibboleth of the politician, "Forget the Maine." Clinging to the wreck of the historic ship is the romance of the great conflict. The explosion of the vessel sounded the death-knell of Castilian dominion in our hemisphere. But a statesmanship that extracts millions from the public exchequer for log-rolling, dares to hesitate at the expenditure of a few thousand dollars for the preservation of this great national memorial. Neglected and forgotten, the bodies of its martyred dead lie unhonored in the tropical harbor. Is it thus that nations honor their preservers? Is this the object lesson in practical patriotism that a pseudo statesmanship presents to the flower of our youth to induce them to serve the Republic? Parsimonious, mercenary and inhuman, this policy of oblivion demands the stern condemnation of our Encampment.

ROLL OF HONOR.

XIX. Herbert Spencer, the greatest philosopher of modern times, wrote that selfishness is the main-spring of human affairs. He proclaimed that the law of the world is the law of self. He forgot that the patriot breathes the pure atmosphere of altruism. Truer patriots never gave themselves to the ideals of our Order than the Comrades whose work shines pre-eminently in the up-building of the Department.

At the commencement of my term of office I tendered the Adjutancy to a man who was engaged in completing a private course of engineering studies as a preliminary to embarkation on his chosen profession. To accept meant perhaps the abandonment of a career. Yet in the same self-forgetting spirit in which he gave himself up to the call of country, as he stood behind the guns

of Sampson at Santiago, he said: "It is the call of duty, I will accept." The records of the Department he found bundled in hopeless confusion, and established a modern filing system. From chaos he brought order. Into the small hours of the night with persevering devotion and intelligent determination, he has labored for you and for me. If any progress has been made by this administration, the credit is primarily his. Nor should we forget the fatiguing services given and the unvarying hospitality extended our staff of headquarters workers by his brave helpmate, Kathryn Larkin. Profound, too, is our obligation to the watch-dog of our treasury. Uncomplaining in the discharge of his onerous duties, with lovable traits of personal character, manly to the core, Comrade Thomas J. Quinn has woven for himself the laurels of our affection. To the discharge of duty by Department Judge-Advocate W. Martin Watson and Department Inspector Frank D. Lakestream, I have made allusion. Their work is a monument built by clear-brained and far-visioned purpose. In the Hudson Valley the reins of the Department were guided by Chief of Staff Wm. J. Cunningham, of Troy. To our extension work he contributed generously from his limited resources. No detail was so burdensome that he did not cheerfully respond. Modest to a fault, he is a red-fibred, high-typed and progressive soldier of the Order. In co-operation with him has labored National Aide A. W. A. Giersberg, of Saratoga Springs, who has planted flowers of the Order where before only weeds grew. In the central part of the State stands out the dominating figure of National Aide Leo A. Thelan, of Rochester. Camp Commander, Assistant Department Inspector, Special Investigator, organizer and founder of Camps, his energies have overflowed in various channels. Versatile in conception and forceful in operation, he has builded well for the Order. In contiguous territory, the growth of the Department has been fostered by the sage and conservative prevision of National Aide Torrey A. Ball, of Oswego, and Commander Howard O. Clair, of Watertown. For the successful consummation of the details of this Encampment we are indebted to the former. In this meed of commendation shares Past Commander John E. J. Clare, who on behalf of these headquarters supervised the preparations for the Encampment, and by incessant toil perfected the scheme of transportation. Flaming like a beacon

from the western end of the State is the record of service of Past Surgeon General John H. Grant. His accomplishments during the term place him head and shoulders above his fellow workers in that section. His exhaustive series of inspections, his incisive diagnosis of the conditions of Camps, the alacrity of his response to every detail, make him loom large above the horizon of the Department. Veteran of two wars, with a judgment ripened by experience and mellowed by knowledge of his fellowmen, he is a type worthy of emulation. To this roll of honorable effort must be added the names of Comrade Thomas F. Lynch, late Major, U. S. V., and Past Commander-in-Chief, who has signally upheld the hands of your Department Commander; Past Commander Frank Keck, late Major, U. S. V., who has helped me cast my lines in pleasant waters; Comrade Daniel J. Murphy, Major 22d Regiment Engineers, a fearless force for good, whose conduct of the U. S. W. V. games in New York City have made them a recognized athletic institution; Department Historian John S. Hayes, who succeeded in the delicate task of organizing the duties of a new office, and Past Department Inspector Alfred J. Kennedy and James S. Long, both early pioneers, whose record of honorable service entitle them to respectful consideration. I hereby express my appreciation for the services rendered by Commanders R. S. Hall, Jr., of Glens Falls; George J. Sawyer, of New Rochelle; H. A. Morgan, of Auburn; and Clarence Davenport, of Cohoes. For their worthy assistance, acknowledgment is made to Department Medical Director Garrett V. Johnson, of Schenectady; Chaplain W. H. I. Reaney, Department Marshal Terence J. O'Donnell; Past Commander John S. Adair, Member of the Council of Administration, and the other members of my official family to each according to his merits. Lack of space forbids the enumeration of a few score of others. These are the men in the main who have made the past year one of fruitful activity. Tested in the crucible of the Order's needs, they are pure metal. To these warriors of the common weal we must look for guidance in the future. Does the Department need leadership? These are her proved sons. In these days big with the progress of the Department, we need as leaders men of iron and not jelly-fish.

In view of the foregoing facts I submit the following:

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the Committee on the State of the Order report to this Encampment some working plan for the administration of relief in conformity with Paragraph VII hereof.

2. That Commanders, in advance of special Camp functions be requested to forward the particulars thereof to the Department Adjutant, for inclusion in General Orders, in order that by proper publicity these functions may be patronized by members of neighboring Camps, and harmonious relations thereby encouraged.

3. That the Camp Commander who unreasonably omits or neglects to have Department General Orders forwarded to each member of his Camp be subjected to disciplinary punishment.

4. That in official communications Camp officers be directed to use Camp stationery alone, which for the facilitation of Camp and Departmental business should contain at the top thereof at least the name, number and location of the Camp, the time and place of its stated meetings, and the name and address of the Commander, Adjutant and Quartermaster.

5. That the detail of officers to conduct the annual installation of Camp officers be made only by or with the sanction of the Department Commander.

6. That as an incentive to recruiting Camp Commanders be directed to deliver a membership application to each recruit after obligation at the altar, with the direction to utilize it before the succeeding muster of the Camp.

7. That each Camp Commander be requested to have his Adjutant or other Comrade forward to the local newspapers for insertion, accounts of Camp meetings, functions and matters of interest to Spanish War Veterans.

8. That the Poor Law be amended so as to include our Camps as disbursing agencies with the G. A. R. Posts, in distributing relief to distressed soldiers and sailors.

9. That the Civil Service Law be so modified that the regular soldier shall be accorded the privileges enjoyed thereunder by the volunteer.

10. That we express to Mrs. Kathryn Fellows, Department President of the Ladies' Auxiliary, our earnest appreciation of her constant aid in strengthening this Department during her term of office.

11. That we adopt resolutions laudatory of the present National Administration under the leadership of Commander-in-Chief Charles W. Newton.

12. That our delegation to the approaching National Encampment be instructed to vote for the elimination from the Order's system of enumeration of the distinction of two co-ordinate Departments in the same territorial jurisdiction, as "White" and "Colored," and to substitute therefor the enumeration, Department "A" and Department "B."

13. That suitable commendatory resolutions be forwarded the Hon. William Sulzer, member of the House of Representatives, for his advocacy of legislation seeking the removal of the wreck of the U. S. Battleship "Maine," and the removal of the bodies of our martyred shipmates from Havana harbor.

14. That resolutions be adopted requesting national legislation for the removal of the wreck of the U. S. S. "Maine," and the recovery of the bodies of our martyred Comrades from Havana harbor, a copy of which shall be forwarded to the President and Vice-President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of the Navy, members of the Naval Committees of Congress, and each member of the Congressional delegation from the State of New York.

15. That your delegation to the approaching National Encampment be instructed to vote for the adoption of resolutions by it, requesting National legislation for the removal of the wreck of the U. S. S. "Maine," and the removal of the bodies of our martyred Comrades from Havana Harbor, and that copies thereof be forwarded by National Headquarters to the President and Vice-President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of the Navy, and the members of the Naval Committees of Congress.

16. That the Department Commander appoint a committee to gather contributions and make provision for a permanent memorial to the memory of our late Department Commander, Rear Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan.

17. That resolutions be forwarded to the President and Vice-President of the United States, the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and

the Congressional delegation of New York State, urging an increase in the monthly pension from \$50 to \$100, to the widow of our late Department Commander, Rear Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan.

18. That our delegation to the approaching National Encampment vote for the adoption of resolutions, requesting the enactment of legislation increasing the monthly pension of the widow of our late Department Commander, Rear Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan from \$50 to \$100, and that National Headquarters forward copies thereof to the President and Vice-President of the United States, the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the members of the Congressional Committees on Pensions.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

(Signed) MAURICE SIMMONS,

Department Commander.

NEW YORK CITY, July 31, 1909.

COMRADE WEIL:

I move that the report of the Department Commander be received and referred to the proper committee for action, and also that a rising vote of thanks be given the Department Commander for his splendid work in the past year and for his report to this Encampment.

COMRADE ATWOOD:

I second the motion. (Carried.)

Report of Senior Vice Department Commander.

I have the honor to present to the delegates of this Encampment the following report:

When elected Department Senior Vice-Commander at Troy I fully realized the amount of strenuous work and large personal expense attached to the office. My work commenced with the fall campaign in my county for Member of the Assembly. You all remember the distinct attack made by the Judge-Advocate at the Troy Encampment on the Member of Assembly from Che-mung county for not supporting the preference bill. I went back to Elmira with the one idea of defeating Mr. Robinson at the

fall election. Comrades, I fought the members of my own Camp in meeting and in the streets made speeches throughout the county and spent in the neighborhood of \$450 of my own personal money. The result was the defeat of Mr. Robinson by 1,192 votes. (Applause.) Now, I ask, what was the result of changing from Mr. Robinson to Mr. Lowman? It was this, that Mr. Lowman stood for and advocated the preference bill at all times during the legislative session. He was the only Member of Assembly to introduce and secure the passage of any bill to help the United Spanish War Veterans. This bill gave to cities of the third class \$150 for Memorial Day exercises. I have, therefore, come to you to-day to say that little Chemung county is vindicated from the assault on her representative in the Assembly at the last Encampment. If I have done nothing more than the above during my term of office I am proud of the fact. My work from that time on has not been so encouraging. Of the camps assigned to me for inspection there were only three in existence. The Camp at Hornell has not been in existence for several years. That at Corning also went up, for most of the charter members left that City shortly after its installation. These two camps will, I hope, be re-established in the near future. I went to Albany during the legislative session in answer to an urgent message from the Department Commander. I attended the meeting of the Senate Committee and listened with interest to the arguments for and against the preference measure, and can assure you that the Department officers and comrades who spoke before that committee are to be congratulated on their eloquent efforts. I was not surprised to find throughout the State members of our organization who are opposed to the bill, comrades who call themselves members of the United Spanish War Veterans, who tried to pull down all the good that had been done and find fault with all that is being done for their own good. The organization has a task on its hands to fight against this feeling which exists to some extent. That these fault-finders will eventually see their way clear to go according to the laws of the organization I have no doubt. An organization such as ours will eventually win. We will be optimistic and look forward to the clearing up of all differences between individual members, and then we

shall all be united and all observe whatever laws govern the organization. These laws have been sifted and studied out by the men who attend our Encampments. Those which are found to be right and just are adopted, and these which are found faulty and for individual purposes are thrown out. Therefore, it is the duty of every comrade in this Department to work with the Department officers in carrying out all resolutions adopted by their Encampments.

During the legislative session I was the guest of Deputy Secretary of State Thomas F. Fennell, and it was through his untiring efforts that I was able to see Members of the Assembly Judiciary Committee individually in the Secretary of State's office.

I have visited a number of Camps throughout the Department, and wish to thank the Department Commander and all other Comrades for the genial reception and good fellowship which they have shown me on all occasions. I thank you most sincerely — all of you — for you have proven yourselves both gentlemen and soldiers, and I am proud that I have had the honor of being associated with you. In the future I will continue in my own humble way to promote the interests of the United Spanish War Veterans so far as it is possible for me to do so. Comrades, again I thank you. (Cheers and applause.)

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) JOHN D. DRISCOLL,

Department Senior Vice-Commander.

COMRADE MENDELSON:

I move that the report of the Department Senior Vice-Commander be accepted and spread upon the minutes of this Encampment.

A voice: Second the motion. (Carried.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

We will now listen to the report of the Department Junior Vice-Commander.

Report of Junior Vice-Commander.

BUFFALO, N. Y., *July 31, 1909.*

*To the Department Encampment, Department of New York,
United Spanish War Veterans:*

In making my report as Junior Vice-Department Commander, I realize that such a report, aside from citing important events that have occurred in western New York, would deal largely with matters that are covered in other reports.

On account of the distance between Buffalo and New York, I have been unable to attend any of the Council meetings and for this reason I am unfamiliar with the deliberations there had except what has been conveyed to me by the printed Department orders.

During the past year the incidents which deserve special mention are the following:

INSTALLATION OF CAMP OFFICERS.

On January 4, 1909, assisted by Past Assistant Adjutant-General C. E. Haller, I installed the officers of Seyburn-Liscum Camp No. 12. This was a successful affair and the Camp was at that time honored by a visit of Past Commander Bernhardt Wall of New York, who made an interesting address.

On January 11, 1909, again assisted by Comrade Haller, I had the honor to install the officers of Niagara Falls Camp No. 7. The ceremonies took place in the State Armory at Niagara Falls and it was a pleasure to note the loyalty to the organization displayed by the Comrades of that place. About three-quarters of the members of the Camp were present on this occasion, besides a large number of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the sentiment expressed at the luncheon which followed showed that the best of feeling exists between the Grand Army of the Republic and the United Spanish War Veterans.

With the able assistance of Past Camp Commander, John Linsman, I, on February 2, 1909 installed the officers of Major-General R. P. Hughes Camp No. 17.

LEGISLATIVE MATTER.

Information as to how far the able work of the Judge-Advocate and the Department Commander had advanced in regard to the Preference Bill did not reach me until a few days before the hearing. Although the time was short, Past Commander-in-Chief, Hamilton Ward, immediately went to Albany and appeared before the committee and the good work he did has already been mentioned in General Orders and other reports.

INSPECTION OF CAMPS.

The inspection of Camps in Western New York was by General Order No. 5 assigned to Past Surgeon General Grant and the able manner in which Comrade Grant performed the duties assigned to him are well expressed in paragraph 8 of General Order No. 8 of 1909.

A VISIT OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

On May 9th Buffalo was honored by a visit from Commander-in-Chief, Charles W. Newton. On this occasion the joint Buffalo City Board arranged a large meeting at which I had the honor to preside. The Commander-in-Chief was very well impressed by the large attendance which was made up of the Comrades of Buffalo, Niagara Falls and other towns; a large number of representative Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Ladies Auxiliary, Women's Relief Corps, etc. Quite a number of short addresses were made and taken altogether this was the most pleasing event of the year and its success was particularly gratifying to the committee which had but a few days' time to make its arrangements.

On July 10th Seyburn-Liscum Camp No. 12 had a field day at Crystal Beach, on the northern shore of Lake Erie, which was a success in every respect. The features were, of course, those commonly had at affairs of that kind, running races, ball game, sculling races, etc. In addition to this there was a large camp fire held in the evening which was enjoyable to the members of our order and interesting to the spectators.

MEMORIAL DAY.

In Buffalo the Memorial Day exercises were, as usual, handled by the Joint Buffalo City Board which expends the appropriation made by the City. This Board has also within the last two years placed upon every grave of a Spanish War Veteran in Erie county a headstone for which the county of Erie has paid. This was a hard task and it was very difficult to get information and records, but the committee did its work well with the result that the only unmarked graves of deceased Spanish War Veterans (whether members of the organization or not) located in Erie county are of those who have died within the past six months.

REVOCATION OF CHARTERS.

During the year, after a special investigation on the part of Comrade Grant, the charter of Bruso-Chauncey Camp was revoked. This Camp has, for about three years, had only a paper existence, and its removal from the roster resulted in good to the organization. The conditions affecting this Camp, and with which the Comrades of Buffalo are most familiar, and are accordingly in best position to judge, were such that it was impossible to review it with honor, and the revocation of its charter was a far greater advantage to the Department of New York than its continuance would have been.

The revocation of charter of Greene Camp will also in time result in more permanent good to the organization than would have resulted from its retention on the roll. It is probably unknown to most of the Comrades in the State that this Camp was located in a place composed of two distinct municipalities between which there is constant friction. The revocation of this charter has had this practical result. Most of the members in one municipality have, or will by fall, become identified with the Niagara Falls Camp; the others are being gradually drawn into the Buffalo Camps.

The Medina Camp, charter of which has also been revoked, started with excellent prospects but repeated efforts have failed to revive it and as the means of communication between Medina

and Lockport are now very good, many of the Medina Comrades will become identified with the new Camp which has recently been organized in Lockport.

The revocation of charter of any Camp is, on the face of it, a reflection upon the locality in which it has occurred, but it often happens, as has been the case in these three instances, that striking Camps from the roster will result in ultimate good to the organization.

In the final analysis it is not so much a question of how many Camps, but of what good the Camps regardless of their number, accomplished.

This brings to my mind the thought of concentration. It is my firm belief that it would be far better for the organization to enlarge the numerical strength of the Camps than to increase the numerical number of Camps. In support of this idea we have the experience of some of the larger and most successful fraternal orders. How much greater in its influence for good is the Buffalo Lodge of Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks with its 1,200 members acting as a solid unit, than it would be if there were three or four lodges of proportionately smaller membership. This same idea is followed by the Fraternal Order of Eagles who are also committed to the policy of having but one lodge in this city.

Let us take our own organization. Can you find anywhere in the Department a better, stronger and more influential Camp than L. Boardman-Smith Camp No. 25 of Rochester? Where in the State is there more brotherly feeling between the Grand Army of the Republic and the United Spanish War Veterans than in the city of Rochester? In my opinion the factor which has contributed most largely to this result is the fact that Rochester has but one Camp. In Buffalo we have been working toward that end and expect to succeed. There may be exceptional cases where the wisdom of this policy is questionable, particularly in the large City of New York where the population is spread over an extremely large area, but with the possible exception of New York this policy of concentration would, I believe, be of benefit to the organization.

In conclusion I would say that in Western New York, the organization is in a healthy prosperous condition, and I wish to

take this occasion to thank the officers and comrades of the Department of New York and particularly those from the western end of the State for the support and assistance rendered me on every occasion.

Respectfully submitted,
EMIL WOHLER,
Junior Vice Commander.

COMRADE CLARE:

I move that the report of the Department Junior Vice Commander be accepted and spread upon the minutes of this Encampment.

COMRADE THELAN:

I second the motion. (Carried.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The Senior Vice-Commander is requested to submit in writing a resolution extending the thanks of this Encampment to Deputy Secretary of State Fennell.

Report of the Department Adjutant.

To the Department Commander and Delegates:

COMRADES.—I have the honor to report to you as Department Adjutant that upon assuming office I made a thorough investigation of the condition of the Department with the following result:

The correspondence, reports and other documents, were delivered to me in bulk and only partially protected from damage by pasteboard letter files. I immediately applied for and was given authority by the Department Commander to purchase a suitable filing cabinet and card index system, and spent the first two weeks of my term in sorting out, indexing and filing the letters turned over to me by the preceding Adjutant of the Department.

During the progress of this work I found that while a mass of correspondence from the different Camps was on hand, there were no copies of the letters which had been sent in reply during the term preceding. A letter of inquiry was addressed to the Past Department Adjutant eliciting the reply that carbon copies of all

letters sent out by him had been destroyed as being of no further use. The absence of part of the records of the Department proved to be a serious handicap in the adjustment of several matters, which were referred to me in the early part of the term.

After installing the filing cabinet and completing the work of indexing the correspondence and documents of the Department, I turned my attention to the semi-annual reports and examined the same from the period ending June 30, 1905, to that ending June 30, 1908. This investigation disclosed the fact that the reports for each term were incomplete and only a very few Camps had reports on file for the seven periods included in the investigation. I found that from 20 to 40 per cent. of the Camps had failed to file their reports, and that a complete report had never been made for any one term. I have prepared a comparative table of reports and attach a copy as part of this report.

The next matter of importance which was taken up was that of securing a list of the Camps with the names and addresses of the Commander, Adjutant and Quartermaster of same, with the time and place of meeting of the Camp. I found that constant changes were taking place in the addresses of Camp officers and that Commanders, Adjutants and Quartermasters of Camps frequently resigned, and no notice of either the change of address or of the officers was sent to Department Headquarters. This fact caused a great deal of extra work and considerable delay in the transaction of the routine work of this office.

When the new officers were installed in January they were directed in General Orders to forward to Department Headquarters the names of the Commander, Adjutant and Quartermaster, with their postoffice addresses, the location of their meeting places, and the time of meeting of the Camp. A great many of the Camps responded promptly, but some of them delayed the sending of this information so long that the publication of a complete roster of the Department was not possible until June. This information should be available within thirty days after the installation of the officers of a Camp.

A study of the reports of the Adjutants of the Department, as printed in the proceedings of the first, second, third, fourth and fifth Encampments, discloses the fact that all of them deplore the

negligence of some of the Camp officers to respond to communications from Department Headquarters. I am glad to be able to report that there has been a great improvement in this respect, and that the greater part of the Camps in the Department give prompt attention to all matters referred to them by Department Headquarters. There are still a few, however, that seem to regard a communication from Department Headquarters as a matter which requires no further consideration; the number of these is getting smaller and smaller every year, and I believe that in a short time the Department officers will have no grounds for complaint on this head.

Immediately after assuming office I was directed by the Department Commander to arrange for the printing of General Orders and my instructions were to have a sufficient number printed to furnish each Comrade in the Department with a copy. In carrying out these instructions 5,000, and later 6,000 copies of each General Order, were printed, and a sufficient number sent to the Adjutant of each Camp to enable him to furnish a copy to each Comrade in his Camp.

During the term nine General Orders have been issued, 52,000 copies in all. In addition to these eight Special Orders and a number of circular letters have been issued, making the total number of printed and mimeograph communications sent out during the term approximately 60,000.

There have passed through my hands nearly 3,000 communications, and there are on file over 2,000 carbon copies of replies written by me; the balance, being principally Camp orders, were acknowledged by postal. To the best of my knowledge there has not been a single communication received by me that was not promptly acknowledged, and the matter to which it referred given immediate attention. Throughout the entire term I have not received a single complaint that any matter referred to me has remained unattended to or been unduly delayed.

Immediately after the installation of the new equipment of the Adjutant's office, the Department Commander issued instructions, that the work of extending the order by the addition of new Camps be arranged for. For this purpose maps of the State and copies of the State Adjutant General's report were obtained, meetings were

held once a week which were attended by the Department officers resident in Greater New York, members of the Committee on Extension of the Order, and occasionally by Camp Commanders and Comrades of the local Camps. At these meetings the various points in the State from which regiments, separate companies or batteries had been recruited, were ascertained and the report of the Adjutant-General was consulted to find the number of men who had entered the service from the place designated. The next step was to find if there was a U. S. W. V. Camp in the locality. If not, letters were immediately sent to some comrade living at a convenient distance, with instructions to visit the place and endeavor to interest those who were eligible to membership in the organization of a Camp. The result of this campaign was the addition of fourteen Camps to the Department, every one of which is composed almost exclusively of new material, and several of them having nearly 100 names on their charter applications. The names of these new Camps, together with the names of the Comrades who did the work of organizing them are given in the Department General Orders, which are attached to, and form part of this report. This work of extension which has been carried on unceasingly throughout the year, is still incomplete, and the report of the Department Commander has already informed you of the plans which have been formulated for a still further increase in the number of Camps in this Department. The doing of this work involved an immense amount of clerical labor and would have been entirely impossible without the loyal support and splendid work of those Comrades whose names are given in the General Orders issued during the term.

At this point in my report I desire to call to the attention of the Encampment the splendid coöperation and support which I have received from National Headquarters. The Adjutant General, Comrade Henry H. Saunders, has given immediate attention to all matters referred to him, and by his words of advice and encouragement has rendered material assistance to this Department. By his uniform courtesy, his demonstrated ability and executive capacity, his unselfish devotion to the upbuilding of our order, he has given ample proof that he is an invaluable member

of the U. S. W. V. His service to the order in general and to the Department of New York in particular should be officially recognized by this Encampment.

The work of the Department Adjutant brings that officer into close contact with the comrades of the Department, and enables him to see the weak points of the organization. His experience should enable him to point out where improvement can be made. I, therefore, respectfully submit the following recommendations for such action as the Encampment may deem necessary.

1. That the Rules and Regulations of this Department be so amended that Camp Commanders be required to forward to Department Headquarters within thirty days after being installed in office, the name and address of the Commander, Adjutant and Quartermaster of their Camp and the time and place of meeting of the Camp.

2. That installing officers be required to exact from Camp Commanders a pledge to comply with this requirement.

3. That the Rules and Regulations of the Department be so amended that Camps be required to pay per capita tax, both National and Departmental, and render semi-annual reports for the current term at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date set for the opening of the Department Encampment.

4. That the Judge-Advocate of the Department be directed to prepare resolutions embodying the above recommendations and cause same to be submitted to the Sixth National Encampment at Tacoma.

5. That the Rules and Regulations of the Department be so amended that all payments for per capita tax, supplies, etc., be made direct to the Department Quartermaster.

6. That the Rules and Regulations of the Department be so amended that the Department Adjutant be required to keep carbon or letter press copies of all official letters sent out by him during his term, the same to be numbered consecutively and turned over to his successor upon the expiration of his term of office, removal or resignation.

I believe the adoption of the above recommendations by the placing of responsibility squarely upon the Camp Commander, by providing a uniform system of payment of per capita tax, and re-

quiring an exact record of the business transacted at Department Headquarters, will be of material benefit to the order and will greatly facilitate the transaction of the Headquarters business.

The report of the Department Adjutant at the Fifth Department Encampment, gave the strength of the order in this Department, as 4,292, as against 3,885 (see table of semi-annual reports) for the preceding term. I append hereto, as part of this report, a table showing the membership of the Camps in the Department, which is taken from the inspection reports and compared with the semi-annual reports of each Camp.

Total membership taken from semi-annual reports....	4,750
Total membership taken from inspection reports.....	4,157

The figures above given have been carefully checked with both semi-annual reports and inspection reports and are certified as correct.

During the year it has pleased almighty God to take from our midst the following Comrades. I ask you to rise and listen to the reading of the list of our departed Comrades and the prayer of our reverend Chaplain.

Jos. B. Coghlan,
Edward Quinn,
Joseph Kenney,
Patrick Maker,
James McLaren,
Joseph Offwell,
James Tucker,
Jasper Rand,
Edward Finley,
George Wentworth,
H. B. Osgood,
William J. Reilly,

Louis Edling,
Vincent Corbally,
Patrick McKeever,
James Leonard,
Frank Cushing,
James O'Neill,
Charles Enders,
John McShane,
Ezekiel Ficklin,
Frank Carter,
Alexander Taylor,
Archibald Corson.

In addition to the work of carrying on the correspondence of the Department Adjutant's office, the Adjutant is required to receive and keep records of moneys for taxes, supplies, etc., and

to turn the same over to the Department Quartermaster. In obedience to this requirement I have kept a careful record of all moneys passing through my hands and attach hereto, as part of this report, an itemized statement of the receipts for the year.

Comrades, during the term about to close, I have endeavored to perform the duties of the office in a manner that would be satisfactory to all. I desire to tender you my sincere thanks for the many courtesies that have been extended to me, and I assure you that I shall always cherish the many friendships formed during the past year. To my brother officers in the Department I beg to tender my thanks for their assistance and co-operation in the work of the Department. In closing I wish to publicly thank the Department Commander for the honor conferred upon me by this appointment, and I trust that each succeeding year will find the Comrades of this Department more closely united in the bonds of fraternal comradeship.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) ERNEST W. LARKIN,

Department Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK.

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

General Orders No. 1.

NEW YORK, *August 8, 1908.*

I. Having been duly elected and installed Department Commander at the Fifth Annual Encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans, held at Troy, N. Y., August 3, 4, and 5, 1908, I hereby assume command.

Headquarters will be established at 198 Broadway, New York City. Telephones 3239 and 6479 Cortlandt.

The following appointments are announced:

Department Adjutant — E. W. Larkin, No. 3 Coenties Slip, New York City. Telephone 2843 Broad.

Department Quartermaster — Thomas J. Quinn, 402 East Eightieth street, New York City. Telephone 3192 Franklin.

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

II. At the Fifth Annual Encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans held at Troy, August 3, 4, and 5, 1908, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Department Commander — Maurice Simmons, Old Guard Camp No. 19.

Senior Vice Department Commander — John Driscoll, Hoffman Camp No. 40.

Junior Vice Department Commander — Emil Wohler, Seyburn-Liscum Camp No. 12.

Department Inspector — Frank D. Lakestream, Roosevelt Camp No. 10.

Medical Director — Garrett V. Johnson, Eugene Griffin Camp No. 11.

Judge-Advocate — W. Martin Watson, Frank Keck Camp No. 53.

Department Chaplain — Comrade William H. I. Reaney, Gloucester Camp No. 5.

Department Marshal — Terence O'Donnell, Guy V. Henry Camp No. 38.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

Joseph Kaiser, Tilly Camp No. 66.

George Allen, L. B. Smith Camp No. 25.

Miles A. Haven, E. H. Liscum Camp No. 33.

Peter Barnett, Norman Crosby Camp No. 37.

Henry J. McMahon, Niagara Falls Camp No. 7.

John S. Adair, Manhattan Camp No. 1.

Albert B. Davis, Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46.

John H. Ehmann, Palmer Camp No. 28.

III. The following named Comrades were elected to the National Encampment to represent this Department:

DELEGATES-AT-LARGE.

Wm. F. Morgan, Capron Camp No. 22.

Bernhardt Wall, Manhattan Camp No. 1.

Harry A. F. Young, Hubbell Camp No. 4.

John J. O'Rourke, Jos. S. Decker Camp No. 20.

ALTERNATE DELEGATES-AT-LARGE.

Wm. A. Reardon, McKinley Camp No. 62.

John F. Dwyer, Gloucester Camp No. 5.

L. T. Fetzer, Manhattan Camp No. 1.

A. B. Gilfillan, Seyburn-Liscum Camp No. 12.

DELEGATES ELECTED BY CAMPS.

Delegates.	Camp No.	Alternates.
John S. Adair	1	Bernhardt Wall
John S. Hayes	1	John Yargan
John J. McManus	1	J. M. Quarberg
Henry A. F. Young	4	Harry E. Smith
Clinton P. Hamilton	4	John C. Stein
Wm. J. S. Dineen	4	John S. Woods
John F. Dwyer	5	John Daly
Welsey E. Bryde	8	Edmund W. Holmes
Daniel Wood	9	Proxton B. Pulser
Frederick C. Kuehnle	10	Samuel J. McCoy
G. V. Johnson	11	Louis A. Pennell
Wm. E. Beilman	15	Jesse Ketcham
Geo. W. Cook	23	Benjamin McBride
Torrey A. Ball	26	Frank J. Gill
Wm. P. Winterbottom	30	John S. Moran
Alban Glustman	37	Walter Shaner
Jas. H. Cooke	38	John E. Reilly
Geo. Willis	39	E. S. Jennings
John Stingle	44	De Grove Sattue
Donald S. Brown	45	Perl A. Butts
Patrick O'Gara	48	E. W. Larkin
Frank E. Hartigan	51	Franklin W. Christman
Clarence Soy	52	William H. Spurr
Albert W. A. Geirsberg ...	58	Louis J. Follett
William S. Goodwin	62	Frank H. Ainsworth
August Schneckenberger ...	60	Patrick J. Hunt
John F. Maher	70	Frederick Harrsen

TO FILL VACANCIES.

	Camp No.		Camp No.
Isadore Weil.....	19	Harry Richards	13
Arthur Fairlamb	19	James O'Connor	2
Wm. B. Delahunt	13	C. A. Oliver	2
Joseph Egan	13	J. J. Corcoran	2
H. McKnight	67	E. Herring	2
Wm. J. Cunningham	2	Peter Bartnett	37

	Camp No.		Camp No.
Bernard Hilt	2	George A. Casey	37
J. Williams	2	Chas. O. Davis	28
F. Vishia	2	W. D. Stiles	46
William Downes	1	E. W. O'Brien	8
John D. Driscoll	40	E. C. Keithley	16
Albert Weston	19	A. M. Hall	26
Edward T. Lawrence	19	L. T. Fetzer	1
Andrew G. McGurvey ...	17	James F. Rice	4

The above list is incomplete, as only twenty-four Camps have certified their delegates to Department Headquarters.

This leaves forty-seven Camps in this Department without representation at the National Encampment, and the Adjutants of these Camps are urged to forward names of delegates and alternates without delay.

IV. The following appointments are announced: Chief Mustering Officer, E. C. Keithley, Schley Camp No. 16.

Assistant Department Adjutant, Robert A. Doremus, McKinley Camp No. 62, and Charles M. Hoffman, Manhattan Camp No. 1.

Aides-de-Camp to Department Commander:

John Daly, Gloucester Camp No. 5.

Wm. J. Macauley, 14th Regiment Camp No. 14.

Frank Rusch, Schley Camp No. 16.

Wm. H. Holmes, Admiral Phillip Camp No. 18.

Walter J. Anderson, Lawton Camp No. 21.

Wm. P. Holland, H. J. Reilly Camp No. 34.

H. W. Doggrell, Admiral Sampson Camp No. 48.

John J. Whalen, Naval Camp No. 49.

Frank H. Ainsworth, McKinley Camp No. 62.

Jesse Ford, Admiral McCalla Camp No. 65.

Department Color Bearer, Wm. H. Johnson, Schley Camp No. 16.

The foregoing list contains only the aides appointed for Kings County. Further appointments will be announced in subsequent orders.

V. The Department Encampment at Troy formally endorsed the candidacy of Past Commander Charles A. Simmons for National Commander-in-Chief, and instructed the delegates of this Department to vote and work for his election.

Every energy should be exercised to the consummation of this end, as his election will reflect honor on and bring strength to this Department.

VI. The Fifth National Encampment will be held at Boston, Mass., Sept. 1, 2 and 3, 1908. Department Headquarters will be established at Young's Hotel. Fare from New York City and vicinity is one and one-third of the regular rate. Comrades will appear in uniform during the sessions of the Encampment and participate in the parade which will be held September 2d. The program prepared for the entertainment of attending delegates and visiting Comrades is a unique one, and designed to signalize the tenth anniversary of the Spanish War.

VII. The Secretary of the Mutual Aid Association advises Headquarters that on September 2, 1908, the time limit with reference to membership of Comrades above forty-five years of age will go into effect under its Constitution and By-Laws. After that date no Comrade above forty-five will be eligible for membership.

Those of that age or under will be required to furnish two physicians' certificates certifying to the condition of their health.

Prior to September 2, 1908, all Comrades in good standing in their respective Camps will be eligible to membership.

Further information and application blanks will be forwarded upon request by the Secretary, Robert A. Doremus, 844 Lincoln place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

VIII. Wm. McKinley Camp No. 62 will conduct an excursion to West Point on Labor Day, September 7, 1908, on Steamer "General Putnam," which will leave the Barge Office, at the Battery, at 9.30 a. m., returning about 10 p. m. Dress parade will

be witnessed and an opportunity will be had to see the historic Hudson. The Department Commander and Staff will be guests of the Committee. Tickets are one dollar each and may be had from the Committee, William F. Foist, Ellis Island, Robert A. Doremus, 844 Lincoln Place, Brooklyn, and Cassius L. Keep, Barge Office, New York.

Lawton Camp No. 21 will hold its Fifth Annual Reception and Review at Schwaben Hall, Brooklyn, Saturday evening, September 12, 1908.

IX. Attention is directed to S. O. No. 70, issued by the Navy Department as follows: "Officers and enlisted men of the Navy who have received medals commemorative of naval engagements in the West Indies during the war with Spain, and who may be entitled to receive recognition in more than one instance, are hereby directed to return medals to the Bureau of Navigation, with request for additional bar for each engagement other than the one for which the medal was given."

For further information apply to Department Adjutant.

X. The attention of headquarters has been repeatedly called to the solicitation of personal loans by members of the Order from individual Comrades. This practice is a vicious one and prejudices its victims against the Order. Applicants for relief are hereby directed to their several Camps.

XI. All correspondence intended for the Department Commander, except such as may be of a personal nature, must be forwarded to the Department Adjutant at his office, No. 3 Coenties Slip, New York City.

Attention is invited to article 6, section 7, Rules and Regulations, in connection with the foregoing.

XII. These headquarters have been advised of the death of Comrades Edward Quinn and T. Vincent Corbally, both of Sague Camp No. 44, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and Comrade Joseph Kenney, of Admiral Schley Camp No. 16, of Brooklyn.

Comrade Quinn served in the First New York Vol. Infantry. Comrade Corbally served with the Fifteenth Separate Company of New York. Comrade Kenney served on the U. S. S. "Brooklyn," as Boatswain's Mate, and participated in the engagement with the Spanish fleet at Santiago de Cuba.

Comrades Quinn and Corbally were buried with military honors and Comrade Kenney with naval honors.

The sympathy of these Headquarters and of the Comrades throughout the Department is extended to the families of our deceased Comrades and to the Comrades of Sague and Schley Camps.

XIII. Camp Adjutants are hereby directed to mail a copy of this and all future Department Orders and circulars to each member of the Camp.

By order of
MAURICE SIMMONS,
Department Commander.

OFFICIAL:
E. W. LARKIN,
Department Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK.

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

NEW YORK, *September 21, 1908.*

General Orders No. 2

I. The following appointments are announced:

Chief of Staff, Wm. J. Cunningham, Marcus D. Russell Camp No. 2; Department Color Bearer, Patrick J. Corcoran, Guy V. Henry Camp No. 38.

Aides-de-Camp to Department Commander.

Joseph F. Dowling, Manhattan Camp No. 1.
C. J. Stoltz, Thomas H. Barber Camp No. 3.
Arnold H. Husser, William H. Hubbell Camp No. 4.
Melvin W. Lethbridge, Stephen Sanford Camp No. 6.
Thomas J. Murray, Theodore Roosevelt Camp No. 10.
Frank Hoppman, Gen. Eugene Griffin Camp No. 11.
William C. Gertz, Bucky O'Neil Camp No. 15.
William H. Burns, Old Guard Camp No. 19.
Fred. B. Bardes, Jos. S. Decker Camp No. 20.
John Malone, Capron Camp No. 22.

August Aschemoor, Jas. M. Jarvis Camp No. 23.
Jacob F. Schlag, Wallace Randolph Camp No. 27.
Virgil G. Hammond, W. S. Overton Camp No. 29.
John J. Murphy, Griffin Engineers Camp No. 31.
E. M. Decker, A. C. Weller Camp No. 32.
George W. Fuller, Norman W. Crosby Camp No. 37.
Geo. W. Harris, Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46.
H. P. Hamlin, F. C. Warner Camp No. 52.
Albert W. A. Geiersberg, Saratoga Camp No. 58.
Edwin C. Hollis, Allyn K. Capron Camp No. 60.
Edwin H. Beardsley, Tilly Camp No. 66.
Thos. O. Wade, Admiral Cook Camp No. 69.

Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander are hereby directed to forward to Department Headquarters their Post Office address.

II. An appreciable number of Camps in this Department have stagnated and thereby alienated themselves from the activities of the Order.

Every energy should be bent toward their rehabilitation.

Territory available for the creation of new Camps requires special attention.

Both objects should be paramount with the administration.

Realizing the grave responsibility, the Department Commander hereby details the following as a Committee on Extension of the Order:

Chairman, John F. Dwyer, Gloucester, No. 5
Vice-Chairman, Leo A. Thelan, L. B. Smith, No. 25.
William J. Cunningham, M. D. Russell, No. 2.
John C. Stoltz, Thomas H. Barber Camp No. 3.
W. Fenton Myers, Sanford Camp No. 6.
Philip G. Roosa, F. R. Palmer, No. 28.
Jas. S. Long, Frank Keck, No. 53.
E. C. Keithley, Admiral Schley, No. 16.
Fred C. Kuehnle, Roosevelt, No. 10.
Isidore Weill, Old Guard, No. 19.
Garrett V. Johnson, Gen. Eugene Griffin, No. 11.
Emil Wohler, Seyburn-Liscum, No. 12.
Torrey A. Ball, Robert C. Anderson, No. 26.

G. Leroy Traver, Louis W. Carlisle, No. 56.
Miles A. Haven, E. H. Liscum, No. 33.
John D. Driscoll, E. M. Hoffman, No. 40.
F. W. Boardman, Col. Walter Scott, No. 42.
John S. Wilson, John K. Sague, No. 44.
R. J. Barrows, Samuel M. Porter, No. 45.
Harlin P. Hamlin, F. C. Warner, No. 52.
Edwin C. Hollis, Allyn Capron, No. 60.
George Sawyer, Norman W. Crosby, No. 37.
John E. J. Clare, Old Guard, No. 19.
William F. Morgan, Capron, No. 22.
Albert J. Kennedy, W. S. Overton, No. 29.
Bernard J. Fagan, Manhattan, No. 1.
Wesley E. Bryde, William R. Carmer, No. 8.
Charles Guinther, Niagara Falls, No. 7.
Clarence Loy, F. C. Warner, No. 52.
F. W. Christman, Col. J. W. Vrooman, No. 51.
Frederick Gorst, Admiral Cook, No. 69.
Hiram C. Todd, Saratoga, No. 58.

III. The recent National Encampment at Boston, Mass., adopted the following resolutions, introduced by the Department of New York:

(a) That the membership application blank make provision for ascertaining whether or not the applicant has ever before been a member of the Order, and, if so, the reason for the termination of his membership;

(b) That no comrade be eligible for election to certain Department office unless he be in good standing at least one year prior to his election;

(c) That further modification of the style and form of the badge and button be discouraged;

(d) That the National Government be requested to furnish ten rifles to each Camp for the use of color guards and firing squads;

(e) That the offices of Department Chief of Staff and Historian be created; and

(f) That effort be made to secure either by executive order or Congressional Act leave of absence for Federal employees for the purpose of attending Department and National Encampments.

The Department of New York was honored by the following selections to National office:

Chaplain-in-Chief, W. H. I. Reaney, Gloucester Camp No. 5.
Chief Signal Officer, Isidore Weill, Old Guard Camp No. 19.
Chief Mustering Officer, Wm. C. Wild, Schley Camp No. 16.
Commissary General, Henry Schimler, Lawton Camp No. 21.
Members of National Council of Administration:

John L. Barker, Gloucester Camp No. 5.

Frank Rusch, Schley Camp No. 16.

IV. The findings of the Camp Court Martial in the matter of the charge of desertion against William Smith, of W. H. Hubbell Camp No. 4, a private in the U. S. Hospital Corps, stationed at Fort Schuyler, N. Y., recommending his dishonorable discharge were endorsed and approved August 17th, 1908, by the Department Commander, and the said William Smith is hereby dishonorably discharged from the Order.

V. On Sunday, September 27, 1908, at 3 p. m., William H. Hubbell Camp No. 4 will formally dedicate the monument erected by it in Cypress Hills Cemetery, Brooklyn, above the grave of the honored soldier whose name it bears, the late Col. William H. Hubbell, a Past Commander-in-Chief of the U. S. W. V.

Camps are requested to attend the dedication ceremonies.

Assembly will be at the Cooper avenue gate of the Cemetery, at 2:30 p. m. Let no Camp in the vicinity of Greater New York fail in this solemn duty.

VI. Camp Commanders are hereby requested to direct Adjutant to forward to these headquarters the names and addresses of the Commander, Adjutant and Quartermaster of the Camp, together with the time and place of its regular musters, and copies of all Camp Orders.

The particulars of each special Camp function should be conveyed for inclusion in General Orders. In this manner the channels of social knowledge between Camps will be broadened, and Headquarters will be brought into intimate contact with the progress and purposes of the individual Camp.

VII. Headquarters condemns the practice of delivering tickets for sale to Camps from other Camps and societies as burdensome and vexatious. This paragraph does not militate against the private sale of such tickets, the donation of complimentary tickets, nor the circularization or advertisement of functions as heretofore countenanced by the Order.

VIII. Headquarters has received from individual comrades, and intends to incorporate in General Orders, pertinent recommendations for the guidance of the Department. These evince a conscientious endeavor to facilitate the labors of the administration and to intensify the influence of the Order. Similar suggestions conveyed to the Department Commander through the usual official channels will receive earnest consideration.

IX. With reference to the resolution adopted by the Troy Encampment relative to the appointment of a Superintendent of the Female Nurse Corps, Headquarters is pleased to announce that the Navy Department has advised it that Miss Esther V. Hasson, one of the first ten nurses who offered their services at the commencement of the War, has been appointed to the position.

X. The group photograph of comrades and delegates in attendance at the last Department Encampment was taken by Comrade James H. Lloyd, 44 Third street, Troy, N. Y.

XI. Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46 announces a Reception and Amateur Entertainment, to be held at the New York Turn Hall, 85th street and Lexington avenue, Borough of Manhattan, New York City, on Friday evening, October 30th, 1908.

William H. Hubbell Camp No. 4 will conduct a Stag Entertainment at New Atlas Hall, Central avenue and Himrod street, Brooklyn, on Saturday evening, October 10th, 1908.

XII. Camp Commanders are directed to instruct Adjutants to forward a copy of all Department Orders and circulars to each member of their respective Camps.

(See paragraph XIII, G. O. I.)

Taps.

XIII. These Headquarters have been advised of the death of Comrade Patrick McKeever, of Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46.

Comrade McKeever served with Co. C, 12th N. Y. Vol. Infantry. He was buried with military honors.

The sympathy of these Headquarters and of the comrades throughout the Department is hereby extended to the family of our deceased comrade and to the members of Hamilton Fish Camp.

By order of

MAURICE SIMMONS,

Official:

Department Commander.

E. W. LARKIN,

Department Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK.

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

NEW YORK, *October 20, 1908.*

General Orders No. 3

I. The following appointments are announced:

Department Historian, John S. Hayes, Manhattan Camp, No. 1.

Committee on Extension of the Order.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Thomas F. Lynch, Guy V. Henry Camp, No. 38.

Aides-de-Camp to Department Commander.

John H. Brancard, Wm. R. Carmer Camp, No. 8.

Timothy E. Leclair, H. E. Kruse Camp, No. 61.

Edwin F. Morgan, Guy V. Henry Camp, No. 38.

Charles M. Reid, George D. Russell Camp, No. 43.

Aides-de-Camp are again directed to forward their addresses to the Department Adjutant. Failure to comply with this order will result in official action.

II. Information concerning the whereabouts of William F. Kennedy, a member of William McKinley Camp, No. 62, is imperatively required.

Any Comrade who served during the recent war with Spain, at Camp Wetherhill, S. C., and knew Comrade Joseph Mungoven,

of Company F of the 201st N. Y. Vol. Inf., is requested to communicate with the Department Adjutant.

III. Section 674a of the Penal Code of the State of New York provides in part as follows:

"Any person who wilfully wears * * * the badge or button of the Spanish War Veterans * * * or uses the same to obtain aid or assistance within this State, or wilfully uses the name of such society, order or organization, the title of its officers, or its insignia, ritual or ceremonies, unless entitled to use or wear the same under the Constitution and by-laws, rules and regulations of such society, order or organization, is guilty of a misdemeanor."

Should the offender refuse to surrender the badge or button, or persist in any of the practices above prohibited, application should be made for a summons or warrant to the nearest magistrate or body exercising criminal jurisdiction.

IV. By reason of the systematic opposition of the Comrades of Decker Camp No. 20, it was deemed inexpedient by the sponsors of Assemblyman William A. Shortt, of Richmond County, to effect either his renomination to or promotion in the State Legislature. After the preference resolution had overcome apparently insurmountable obstacles, and was on order of final passage, it was Mr. Shortt who, on the closing day of the session, moved the technical amendment that prevented a roll-call vote and caused its defeat — an act that was in violation of his ante-election pledge of loyal support. Decker Camp deserves the encomiums of the Department.

V. The following list is indicative of the attitude of most of the members of the New York Legislature of 1908 toward the Spanish War Preferential Resolution:

SENATE.

FOR.

Dist.	Name.	Poli- tics.	Dist.	Name.	Poli- tics.
2	Dennis J. Harte.....	D	18	Martin Saxe.....	R
4	Otto G. Foelker ¹	R	19	Alfred R. Page.....	R
6	Eugene M. Travis.....	R	20	James J. Frawley.....	D
7	Patrick H. McCarren.....	D	21	James Owens.....	D
10	Alfred J. Gilchrist.....	R	22	John P. Cohalan ²	D
11	Dominick F. Mullaney.....	D	24	John C. R. Taylor.....	D
13	Christopher D. Sullivan.....	D	28	William Grattan.....	R
14	Thomas F. Grady.....	D	31	William W. Wemple.....	R
16	John T. McCall.....	D	35	George H. Cobb ³	R

AGAINST					
Dist.	Name.	Poli- tics.	Dist.	Name.	Poli- tics.
8	Charles H. Fuller.....	D	45	Thomas B. Dunn.....	R
17	George B. Agnew.....	R	46	William W. Armstrong.....	R
38	Horace White.....	R	50	George A. Davis.....	R
39	Harvey D. Hinman.....	R	51	Albert T. Faucher.....	R

In the Senate the vote stood 37 for and 8 against.

¹ Now a candidate for Congress in Kings County.

² Now a candidate for Surrogate in New York County.

³ Author of resolution in Senate.

ASSEMBLY.							
FOR.							
Dist.	County.	Name.	Poli- tics.	Dist.	County.	Name.	Poli- tics.
1	Chautauqua	Aug. F. Allen* . . .	R	2	Queens	William Klein . . .	D
	Columbia	L. J. Bashford . . .	D	2	Rensselaer . . .	B. L. Lansing . . .	R
6	Erie	F. S. Burzynski . . .	D	29	New York	W. H. Liebmann . .	D
30	New York	L. A. Cuvillier* . . .	D	2	Ulster	W. E. E. Little . . .	D
	Cayuga	Fred. A. Dudley . . .	R	2	Orange	Chas. E. Mance . . .	R
	Orleans	M. E. Eggleston . . .	R	16	New York	M. G. McCue	D
17	Kings	John R. Ferrar . . .	R	20	New York	P. J. McGrath . . .	D
14	Kings	James E. Fay	D	3	Monroe	Geo. L. Meadee . . .	R
1	Rensselaer . . .	Fred. C. Filley . . .	R	10	Kings	C. F. Murphy	R
12	New York	Jas. A. Foley	D	33	New York	P. J. Schmidt	D
1	Ulster	J. M. Fowler ¹ * . . .	R	15	Kings	J. J. Schuttar	D
	Schenectady . . .	Miles R. Frisbie . . .	R	1	Orange	Henry Seacord . . .	R
3	Queens	Conrad Garbe	D	32	New York	J. Silbermann	D
7	Kings	T. J. Geoghegan . . .	D	3	Westchester . . .	I. H. Smith	R
20	Kings	H. C. Glore	R	6	New York	Adolph Stern	D
18	New York	Mark Goldberg . . .	D	26	New York	Sol. Strauss	R
16	Kings	Michael J. Grady . . .	D	1	Queens	Thos. H. Todd* . . .	D
12	Kings	Geo. A. Green	R	4	Kings	Andrew C. Troy . . .	D
31	New York	Abr. Greenberg . . .	D	3	Onondaga	J. H. Walters	R
9	New York	J. C. Hackett	D	25	New York	A. Ward, Jr.	R
4	Monroe	B. J. Haggerty* . . .	R	1	Erie	A. J. Weimert	R
1	Westchester . . .	H. W. Haines	R	2	Monroe	J. L. Whitley ⁴ * . . .	R
	Seneca	Wm. B. Harper . . .	D		Oswego	F. G. Whitney	R
11	New York	F. L. Johnston	I. L.		Saratoga	Geo. H. Whitney . .	R

AGAINST							
Dist.	County.	Name.	Poli- tics.	Dist.	County.	Name.	Poli- tics.
2	Erie.....	J. L. O'Brian ²	R	...	Chemung...	D. C. Robinson ² ...	D
	Alleghany...	J. S. Phillips.....	R	...	Richmond..	Wm. A. Shortt ⁴ ..	D
27	New York..	B. R. Robinson....	R				

As a roll call was prevented, no full list of those opposed is obtainable.

* Spanish War Veteran.

¹ Author of resolution in Assembly.

² Attacked resolution on floor.

³ In violation of pledge, moved amendment that prevented passage of resolution.

⁴ Past Judge Advocate of this Department.

VI. To the formation of Camps in territory still unorganized, Headquarters gives its earnest sanction. No company or regimental armory center whence troops were recruited in 1898 should be unrepresented. Assistance will only be extended, however, in the establishment of a new Camp, in a locality at present equipped, where its roster of proposed membership consists mainly of recruits heretofore unconnected with the Order. The redress of an aggrieved minority of a Camp is obtainable by appealing to the conscience of the Comrades at the annual election, and not by the impetuous inauguration of a new Camp. Secession from the Camp by a minority is a blow at its unity. Historically, secession as a solution of difficulties has been condemned by the

judgment of the American people. These Headquarters will not approve of the granting of a charter to a seceding fragment.

VII. The conduct of the manifold activities of Headquarters depends on its finances. Its primary means of subsistence is the per capita tax. Laxity by the Camp in forwarding same will serve to retard if not to defeat the work of extension of the Order, its legislative undertakings, and other projects.

Immediately remit tax for the term expiring December 31, 1908, which became due July 1, 1908.

A few Camps have neglected to convey to Headquarters the semi-annual report for the term ending June 30, 1908.

VIII. (a) The unveiling and dedication of the monument to the late Col. William H. Hubbell, Past Commander-in-Chief, took place at Cypress Hills, New York City, on September 27th. The erection of the granite shaft, rugged in strength and severe in simplicity, was rendered a reality by the persevering loyalty of Commander Henry A. F. Young and the Comrades of Hubbell Camp No. 4. The solemnity of the ceremony was enhanced by many reverential words of tribute. Addresses were delivered by Past Commanders-in-Chief M. Emmet Urell and Thomas F. Lynch, Commander-in-Chief Chas. W. Newton, Chaplain Welwood, Rev. Dr. Kennedy, the pastor of the deceased, and the Department Commander. Large uniformed delegations from neighboring Camps made an impressive showing.

(b) On October 1, 1908, Capron Camp No. 22, celebrated its centenary muster. The guests of honor were the Comrades of Barbara Frietchie Post, of the G. A. R., of this Department. By this token of respect our older Comrades were happily honored.

(c) A function worthy of comment was the drawing and informal reception of William R. Carmer Camp No. 8, on the 6th inst. A faithful Ladies' Auxiliary contributes in a large measure to the commendable issue of its social events. Most fraternal sentiments characterize the relations between the Comrades of the U. S. W. V. and the G. A. R., at Mt. Vernon, due exclusively to the fact that the Camp invariably invites the local Post to participate in its festive functions.

IX. Policy and patriotism dictate the wisdom of strengthening the bonds between both veteran Orders. A visible fruit of the friendlier relations thus cultivated was the aid extended us by the senior Order at the last legislative session. In fostering such

cordial co-operation between the young and old veteran defenders of the Republic Marcus D. Russell Camp No. 2, of Troy, N. Y., has achieved results that are full of exemplary inspiration to all other Camps. Let each Camp proceed in parallel channels.

X. Department Headquarters has just denied the request of the national agents of the two leading political parties for a roster of the Camps, Camp officers, and Comrades of the Department, on the ground that such roster is only available for the non-partisan and broad-keeled aims of the Order. Neither should any individual Comrade abuse this official means of communication as a vehicle for disrespectful innuendo against any other Comrade. True patriotism is best shown by building up, not by tearing down. Even should any Comrade, in a helpful spirit, desire to communicate with the Camps of the Department on a subject of useful moment, he should invoke the sanction and co-operation of Headquarters.

X. (1) Old Guard Camp No. 19 announces a "Musical Stag" Thursday, November 12, 1908, to be held in its quarters at the 22d Regiment Armory, N. G. N. Y., 67th street and Broadway, New York city, immediately after its regular muster. The stirring tones of bag-pipe, bugle and fife, alternating with martial song and story, promises a night's entertainment wrought in soldier fashion. The Department Commander and his staff will be the guests of the Camp.

(2) Theodore Roosevelt Camp No. 10 has completed elaborate arrangements for its entertainment and dance, the same evening, at Ebling's Casino, 156th street and St. Ann's avenue, Bronx. The Department Commander and Staff will attend this function. Meet and mingle on this and like occasions in free fellowship.

XII. The present Department Countersign and Parole are hereby discontinued. In their place the following is promulgated:

Department Countersign: 14-34-12-34-36.

Department Parole: 2-33-33.

XIII. Issue this order forthwith to each Comrade. The urgency is obvious.

By order of

MAURICE SIMMONS,

Official:

Department Commander.

E. W. LARKIN,

Department Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK.

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

NEW YORK, November 20, 1908.

General Orders No. 4

I. The following appointments are announced:

Aides on the Staff of the Department Commander.

W. O. Burgess, Defendam Camp No. 36.

G. F. Souls, Barry Camp No. 73.

Robert A. McClanathan, Niagara Falls Camp No. 7.

Warren M. Eckweiler, H. W. Hubbell Camp No. 24.

Donald S. Brown, Porter Camp No. 45.

Aides-de Camp are hereby directed to become active according to the provisions of Special Order No. 2, and to give immediate attention to the matter of per capita tax and semi-annual reports.

II. A meeting of the Council of Administration and Committee on Extension of the Order will be held at Headquarters, 198 Broadway, New York City, December 5, 1908, at 1 P. M. The event is one of grave importance to the Department. To deliberate on its future purposes, there will be gathered together Comrades representing the keenest intelligence and the finest instincts of the Order. Recommendations should be reduced to writing in brief and concise form.

III. The Department General Order should be mailed to each Comrade in the Camp (Par. 13, G. O. 1 and 2, Series 1908-1909). With the General Order in his possession, each Comrade has with him a present knowledge of the program of the Department. His interest in our undertakings is evoked.

Misunderstanding concerning the selected plans of the Department is minimized. The expenditure for printing and postage to effectuate this scheme taxes the financial resources of Headquarters. The Department General Order may be mailed with the printed Camp notice in an unsealed envelope to each member of the Camp. The Commander who omits to send the General Order to each Comrade not only injures the advance of the Department but is guilty of disobedience of orders. Department Aides are hereby directed to report forthwith to Headquarters in what manner compliance is being made with this mandatory provision.

Hereafter neither Department Orders nor Circulars will be issued to Camps in arrears for per capita tax or delinquent in the transmission of semi-annual reports.

IV. The question of the eligibility to membership in the U. S. W. V. of the men who served on Army transports during the recent war with Spain, etc., made the subject of a scholarly review by Department Judge-Advocate W. Martin Watson and thereafter referred by the recent National Encampment to the Judge-Advocate General for final determination, has been decided by the latter, and, under date of November 2, 1908, the Commander-in-Chief confirms this decision. Accordingly, these men, "heretofore initiated into the U. S. W. V. Department of New York, are not now, nor were they ever, members of the U. S. W. V. Said men should be honorably discharged without delay and the reason noted on their respective discharges." Camp Commanders will be guided accordingly.

V. October 23, 1908, witnessed the official baptism of the General Thomas H. Barry Camp No. 73 of Brooklyn, with a membership approximately at forty-four, with but two exceptions heretofore unattached to the U. S. W. V. The officers, elective and appointive, of the new Camp are: Commander, Morris J. Mendelsohn; Senior Vice-Commander, Robert Flinch; Junior Vice-Commander, Thomas D. Fitzgerald; Adjutant, R. J. Neppert; Quartermaster, Nathan Lasky; Chaplain, Joseph Heifer; Surgeon, A. J. Zimmer; Officer of the Day, Charles Miller; Officer of the Guard, J. J. Kennedy; Trustees, James Gelston, J. J. Reilly and H. M. Denio. The ceremonies of installation were conducted by the Department Chief Mustering Officer, Ernest C. Keithley, assisted by Past Commander John Hansen of Naval Camp No. 49 and a capable staff. Profound interest in the aspirations of the U. S. W. V. was stirred by the earnest words addressed to the assemblage by the Department Commander, the Department Adjutant, Department Quartermaster Thomas J. Quinn, Department Judge-Advocate W. Martin Watson, the Department Mustering Officer, Chief Signal Officer Isidore Weill, Past Department Adjutant William J. S. Dineen and Past Commander Clinton P. Hamilton. Such Camps bring red fiber to the Department. They do not find their birth in reaction or discontent.

VI. The interchange of official communications discloses the absence of any definite arrangement in Camp stationery. Some Camps lack printed stationery and employ business or individual letter-heads. Others have a printed form, containing, besides the title of the Camp, the name of the Commander, Adjutant and Quartermaster alone. Camp officers are hereby directed to use only Camp stationery in official communications. This should contain the name, number and location of the Camp, the time and place of its stated meetings, and the name and address of the Commander, Adjutant and Quartermaster.

VII. Camp Commanders are requested to cause to be filed with the Department Adjutant the names and addresses of three Comrades in the Camp who are either locally influential or who may be relied upon for faithful service, and upon whom Headquarters may depend for committee co-operation or in other fields of endeavor as the necessity therefor may develop.

VIII. For the proper observance of Memorial Day the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the city of New York has just recommended an increase of the annual appropriation to the local Camps of the U. S. W. V. from \$1,500 to \$1,800. The author of the law itself, Comrade James S. Long, Adjutant, Frank Keck Camp No. 53, one of the most vigorous workers in the Order, is preparing a memorandum on the subject for the information of the Department, and this will be epitomized in a future General Order.

IX. The marked improvement in the ritualistic work evokes commendation. The Book of Ceremonies imposes on each officer the duty of memorizing his portion of the ritual. *He should either memorize the ritual or resign.* The recruit first comes into contact with the Order during the muster-in ceremony. Here his first impressions are formed. Proverbially these are lasting. The sentiments of this ceremony are resonant with the ennobling ideals of the Order. Memorized, their expression inspires the recruit with eager resolve. He becomes an enthusiast. Read in a stumbling manner from a book, they distress him. Thereafter he is lost to the Order. Regrettable also is the unlawful abridgement of the ceremony, the hurried application of the obligation alone, or

the subordination of the ritual to business routine. *This practice is hereby forbidden.*

X. Words of special tribute to the unstinting labors of our Comradeship are a source of encouragement. The following extract from a communication by the Hon. H. H. Edgerton, Mayor of Rochester, to Commander Leo A. Thelen, L. Boardman Smith Camp No. 25, speaks for itself: "I desire to express my hearty thanks and genuine appreciation to your organization for turning out in the parade on Rochester Day. You are to be congratulated on the fine appearance you made and the patriotic service you rendered the city of Rochester in making the occasion a great success."

XI. The members of the E. M. Hoffman Camp No. 40, under the capable guidance of Department Senior Vice-Commander John Driscoll, prevented the return of Hon. D. C. Robinson of Elmira to the Assembly. The latter, at the last legislative session, assailed the legitimate claims of the Order. His successor is firmly pledged to the advocacy of the Department's plan of legislation.

XII. Department Junior Vice-Commander Emil Wohler reports the effective prosecution in Buffalo by Seyburn-Liscum Camp No. 12 of a suspended member for wearing the button of the U. S. W. V. in violation of section 674a of the Penal Code. It is trusted that the newspaper publicity accompanying the criminal proceedings will have a salutary effect. In this connection warning is hereby given against Hollister G. Pond, an expelled member of Admiral Schley Naval Camp No. 16, who, by means of his unauthorized use of the button of the Order, has flagrantly imposed on the generous impulses of several Comrades.

XIII. Equal in importance to the work of the acquisition of recruits is that of retaining in the Camp its old members. Arrearage in dues and in attractiveness of meetings frequently result in a loss of interest. Prosy communication with such an absentee rarely results in his restoration to the Camp. More successful is a personal visit by the Camp Commander or other devoted Comrade to the absentee's home, where a friendly appeal may be made to his loyalty to the Camp and love for the humanitarian ideals of the Order.

XIV. The recent reception of the Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46, held on October 30, 1908; the unique "musical smoker" of Old Guard Camp No. 19, on November 12th, and the entertainment of Theodore Roosevelt Camp No. 10, on the latter date, each reflecting credit on the Camps respectively named, were officially visited by the Department Commander and his staff.

XV. The bare routine of a spiritless meeting, in season and out, reflects itself in a diminishing attendance. A mere monotonous Order of Business repels the Comrade from the Camp. Supplement the muster by smokers, campfires, entertainments, stags and kindred forms of diversion. These act as pleasurable incentives to attendance. Opportunity is also thereby offered for closer appreciation and more cordial knowledge among Comrades. Each Comrade will habituate himself to view the approaching Camp muster with expectancy. The fruits of this program will be an increased membership and a thriving Camp.

XVI. Section 80 of the Poor Laws of this State provides:

"No poor or indigent soldier, sailor or marine, who has served in the military or naval service of the U. S., nor his family, nor the families of any who may be deceased, shall be sent to any almshouse, but shall be relieved and provided for at their homes in the city or town where they may reside, so far as practicable, provided such soldier, sailor or marine, or the families of those deceased, are and have been residents of the State for one year, and the proper auditing board of such city or town in those counties where the poor are a county charge, the superintendent, if but one, or superintendents of the poor, as such auditing boards in their counties, shall provide such sum or sums of money as may be necessary, to be drawn upon by the Commander and Quartermaster of any Grand Army Post of the city or town, made upon the written recommendation of the Relief Committee of such Post; or, if there is no Post in a town or city in which it is necessary that such relief should be granted, upon the like request of the Commander and Quartermaster and recommendation of the Relief Committee of a Grand Army Post located in the nearest town or city, to the town or city requested to so furnish relief, and such written request and recommendation shall be a sufficient authority for the expenditures so made."

Comrade Bernhardt Wall, President of the Manhattan Borough Council, U. S. W. V., who has given the subject studious consideration, states that application for an appropriation from the county authorities for poor relief to Camps of the U. S. W. V. must be made through the local Posts of the G. A. R., with which Camp Commanders are hereby directed to get in touch. Under the law, the Camp or the Borough Council directly expends relief from its treasury to the distressed Comrade upon his voucher. Thereafter these vouchers are presented quarterly to the Comptroller or County Treasurer, who makes reimbursement.

A paragraph in each succeeding General Order will be devoted to discussion of existent State legislation affecting U. S. W. V. interests.

XVII. A record of things wrought modestly but efficiently by Chief of Staff William J. Cunningham of Marcus D. Russell Camp No. 2, of Troy, commands respectful appreciation. At his own initiative he is perfecting the establishment of new Camps in the unorganized localities of Plattsburgh, Granville, Mechanicville and Watervliet. The Department of New York is indebted to the Chief of Staff for his spirit of generous service.

XVIII. Further illustration of the fraternal relations between the G. A. R. and the U. S. W. V. is found in the report of Department Aide-de-Camp Harlin P. Hamlin, sent in compliance with Special Order No. 2. He states that the G. A. R. Post at Ilion presented to F. C. Warner Camp No. 52 a full complement of Remington rifles and that the Camp provides its firing squad at funerals of deceased members of the Post. The Comrades of the G. A. R. are welcome guests at the Camp's smokers. On November 3d a clambake was held by these veterans of two generations that was notable for its spirit of camaraderie and fraternity.

XIX. Worthy of signal note is the projected review of Manhattan Camp No. 1, to be held at the 12th Regiment Armory, Sixty-second street and Columbus avenue, New York city, on Thanksgiving Eve, November 25, 1908. An exhibition drill and other novel features have been arranged. The reviewing officer will be Comrade George B. Dyer, Colonel of the 12th Regiment, N. G., N. Y. A reception and military ball will serve to enliven

the occasion. The Department Commander and staff will be the guests of the Camp.

For the purpose of enlarging its relief fund, Admiral B. H. McCalla Camp No. 65 will hold a mask and civic ball at Liederkranz Hall, Meserole street and Manhattan avenue, Brooklyn, on December 12, 1908. A pleasant program is promised.

By order of

MAURICE SIMMONS,

Official:

Department Commander.

E. W. LARKIN,

Department Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK.

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

NEW YORK, *December 24, 1908.*

General Orders No. 5

I. The following appointments are hereby announced for Aides-de-Camp to the Department Commander:

Comrade John Howard, Neptune Naval Camp No. 30.

Comrade Geo. C. Hart, E. M. Hoffman Camp No. 40.

Comrade Edward Fischer, Major Frank Keck Camp No. 53.

Comrade Ernest B. Richter, Thomas H. Barry Camp No. 73.

Much of the progress of the Department is due to the vitalizing agency of the Department Aides and the alacrity with which they have discharged and are discharging the duties devolving on them. Headquarters hereby makes a general acknowledgment of the many valuable reports thus far transmitted by them.

II. The following Comrades are hereby appointed Assistant Department Inspectors to co-operate with the Department Inspector in the territorial jurisdictions severally assigned to them, viz.:

Department Inspector Frank D. Lakestream, District No. 1, New York City, Westchester County and Poughkeepsie.

* District No. 2, Middletown and Haverstraw.

* District No. 3, Schenectady, Amsterdam, Cohoes, Troy, Albany, Hudson and Kingston.

Department Aide-de-Camp A. W. A. Geirsberg, District No. 4, Saratoga Springs, Whitehall, Hoosick Falls and Glens Falls.

Past Commander Harlin P. Hamlin, District No. 5, Ilion, Herkimer and Utica.

Department Senior Vice-Commander John D. Driscoll, District No. 6, Hornell, Corning, Elmira, Binghamton and Oneonta.

Commander Leo A. Thelen, District No. 7, Rochester, Auburn, Syracuse and Oswego.

* District No. 8, Watertown and Ogdensburg.

* District No. 9, Jamestown and Olean.

Past Surgeon-General John H. Grant, District No. 10, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Tonawanda and Medina.

Headquarters hereby commends the promptitude with which the above named Comrades have accepted the arduous details allotted to them, which will necessitate the profitless subordination of their personal business interests to the general welfare of the Department. Every facility should be afforded by Commanders of Camps to the Inspecting Officers. Prior to the official visit Commanders are directed to make strict compliance with all the requirements of the regulations, including (a) payment of per capita tax; (b) filing of semi-annual reports; (c) bonding of Quartermaster. The semi-annual report should be executed in triplicate, one copy to be retained by the Camp for its files and the other two to be forwarded to the Department Adjutant.

III. Full of inspiration is the record of our increasing membership. The lengthening roster of the Camps bespeaks the healthy growth of the Department. Beyond the pale, however, lingers a mass of eligibles. To the annexation of these our best endeavors should be directed. In numbers there is safety. The enforcement of Poor Relief, Burial and Civil Service Laws for the attainment of their personal good and the successful enactment of preferential legislation for their individual benefit necessitates their enrollment in our ranks. Bring these facts home to each of them. The Comrade who omits, in the course of the year, to

* Appointments will be announced in next General Order.

bring at least one recruit into his Camp fails in his plain duty. For the comprehensive analysis of this special subject, Headquarters hereby details the following committee on recruiting:

		Comrades.	Camp No.
Bernard J. Fagan..Chairman		Geo. D. Casey	37
John H. Grant.Vice-Chairman		Fred C. Madden.....	38
George McCune	2	H. B. Updyke.....	39
John T. Smith	3	Wm. H. Halliday.....	40
Wm. J. S. Dineen.....	4	M. W. Halblaub.....	41
Lawrence S. Merrill.....	5	C. L. Hotaling.....	42
W. Fenton Meyers.....	6	R. D. Higgins.....	43
Charles Guinther	7	Frank Hoppman	44
Isaac Joel	8	Fred W. Hyde.....	45
R. S. Hall, Jr.....	9	Geo. Sigelbaum	46
Oscar Berger	10	Bart Santee	47
J. D. Howland.....	12	Paul Hopf	48
Edward Logan	14	Wm. H. Hansen.....	49
Chas. S. Beilman	15	A. E. Miller.....	50
Frank Dressler.....	16	H. B. Voight.....	51
Ed. Levia	17	Chas. Rhodes	52
J. A. Duncan.....	18	Howard Griffith	53
H. L. Conkling.....	19	H. S. Ball.....	56
John J. O'Rourke.....	20	F. P. Palmer.....	57
Peter J. Laubey.....	21	F. K. Walbridge.....	58
Bartley J. Wright.....	22	Theo. Schmidt	59
Jos. Lewis	23	C. J. Thorne.....	60
Albert Franke	24	Paul V. Vandervelde....	61
Leo A. Thelen.....	25	H. F. O'Brien.....	62
C. S. Martin.....	26	Eugene De Long	63
J. A. Loughman.....	27	G. H. Thompson.....	65
Wm. P. Malcolm.....	28	Patrick Hunt	66
E. F. Butler.....	29	H. W. Smith.....	67
Wm. F. Conway.....	30	O. W. Lynt.....	68
Thos. J. Murphy	31	F. Walker	69
Geo. J. Winslow.....	32	John Pentony	70
Matthew Johnson	34	R. C. Payne.....	71
Wm. F. Coakley.....	35	Chas. L. Cronk.....	72
B. A. Flood.....	36	Sol. Lippman	73

IV. The following Camps have been added to the roster of this Department:

David J. Johnston Camp No. 74, Cohoes, with a list of forty-two charter members; mustered in December 17, 1908, pursuant to Special Order No. 41, National Headquarters.

Colonial Camp No. 75, Kingston, with a list of forty charter members; muster-in authorized December 16, 1908, by Special Order No. 42, National Headquarters, and

General Theodore Wint Camp No. 76, Fort Ontario, Oswego, with a list of twenty charter members; muster-in authorized December 16, 1908, by Special Order No. 40, National Headquarters.

The organization of No. 74 is due to the indefatigable energies of Chief of Staff Wm. J. Cunningham. Its preliminary meeting was addressed by the Mayor of Cohoes, and the function was accorded generous newspaper publicity. No. 75 found its birth in the unheralded planning of Past Department Senior Vice-Commander Philip G. Roosa, who rendered distinguished service in the last legislative campaign of the Department. The Senior Vice-Commander of this Camp is Hon. Joseph M. Fowler, who was the author and advocate of the recent preferential resolution in the Assembly.

On Comrades C. S. Martin, Roger T. Sherman and Harry K. Ellis, a special committee appointed by Robert C. Anderson Camp No. 26, Oswego, falls the honor of creating No. 76. Their work was re-enforced by Comrade Torrey A. Ball, always identified with and loyal to the best interests of the Department. Headquarters has been officially advised that Camps are in process of formation at Batavia, Newburgh, Bath Beach, Greenville, Watervliet and Plattsburg. By this unremitting activity an insight may be had into the expansion of the great Department of New York. Everywhere the stability and permanence of our Order is manifest.

Public attention is concentrated on the Order by those Adjutants who conscientiously report to the local newspapers the proceedings of the Camp and the benevolent aims of the U. S. W. V. Publicity is the most formidable instrument for the promotion of modern undertakings. In this field of endeavor an

enviable degree of excellence has been attained by Assistant Department Adjutant Robert A. Doremus, who edits the U. S. W. V. columns of the Brooklyn Eagle. Headquarters maintains a file for all press notices affecting U. S. W. V. interest in order to gauge public opinion to reply to malevolent criticism and to scrutinize the varying phases of veteran effort. This bureau is managed by Department Historian John S. Hayes. To effectuate this program each Comrade is requested to forward all pertinent clippings extracted from newspapers and periodicals to the Department Adjutant. To accentuate the work of the U. S. W. V. Department Senior Vice-Commander John D. Driscoll, of Elmira, is editing "The U. S. W. V. Journal," a most meritorious publication. This laudable undertaking is worthy of the hearty support of the Comrades of this Department. Comrade W. D. Tucker, 150 Nassau street, New York City, is engaged successfully in editing the U. S. W. V. Department of "Army and Navy Life," a magazine devoted to the promotion of the interest of the United Service.

V. On December 5th the Council of Administration convened at Headquarters, 198 Broadway, New York City. Among those present were Commander John H. Ehmann, Frank Rockwell Palmer Camp No. 28, Albany; Commander John S. Adair, Manhattan Camp No. 1, and Commander Albert B. Davis, Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46. The levy of the semi-annual per capita tax of 12½ cents for the term about to end, payable in advance June 30, 1908, was ratified. The Council by due resolution levied a similar per capita tax for the ensuing term, due January 1, 1909, in advance. The multiplying activities of Headquarters cannot continue unless its treasury is replenished. Forward tax immediately. The Council, pursuant to the direction of the recent Department Encampment, proposed several amendments to the Regulations affecting District Councils, chief among which were the renaming of same as "Memorial and Executive Committees" and the submission of the Camps of the Bronx and Staten Island to the jurisdiction of the Manhattan Borough Council. The Council also added the following offices to the Memorial and Executive Committees, viz., Senior Vice-Chairman and Junior Vice-Chairman. The elaborate reports of

absent members were also passed upon. The session was prolonged and thorough.

The Committee on Extension of the Order outlined a program of development of far-visioned scope, part of which contemplates the sending of a special emissary into every armory center and city in the Department which lacks a Camp. The field for future organization was scraped as with a fine comb. Private reports were considered of the condition of each Camp in the Department, and ways and means devised for the reinvigoration of the few decadent ones. Among the voluminous reports received from absent members of the Committee, which required special consideration, were those of Senior Vice-Commander John D. Driscoll, of Elmira; Junior Vice Department Commander Emil Wohler, of Buffalo; Chief of Staff William J. Cunningham, of Troy; Commander Miles A. Havens, of Utica; Commander Leo A. Thelen, of Rochester, and Adjutant A. W. A. Geiersberg, of Saratoga Springs.

The themes discussed by the Committee are too numerous to be detailed within these brief limits. Among those in attendance were the Department Commander, Department Adjutant Ernest W. Larkin, Department Quartermaster Thos. J. Quinn, Department Judge Advocate W. Martin Watson, Department Inspector Frank D. Lakestream, Department Mustering Officer E. C. Keithley, Department Marshall Terence J. O'Donnell, Assistant Department Adjutant Robert A. Doremus, Past Commander Bernhardt Wall, President of Manhattan Borough Council; Commanders H. A. F. Young, Frederick C. Kuehnle, Morris J. Mendelsohn, Past Commanders Bernard J. Fagan, Jas. F. Court, Clinton P. Hamilton, and Wm. Prendergast; Comrades Robert M. Ashman, Wm. E. Malone, W. O. Burgess, as loyal and faithful a body of Comrades as ever convened to deliberate over the proceedings of the Department of New York.

VI. The approaching month will be punctuated by the annual installation of Camp officers. Almost simultaneously the solemn obligation of office will be administered to the Comrades throughout the United States, Alaska, Hawaii and the Philippines. On this occasion, the members of each Camp will gather in full number and in festive mood. What more appropriate occasion for a social visit to neighboring Camps? The Department Commander

and staff have been invited to and will attend the installation of the officers of the following Camps:

January 2, Gloucester Camp, No. 5; Roosevelt Camp, No. 10; Phillip Camp, No. 18; Hamilton Fish Camp, No. 46.

January 4, Schley Camp, No. 16.

January 5, Carmer Camp No. 8; Naval Camp No. 49; Kruse Camp No. 61.

January 6, Barry Camp No. 73.

January 7, Capron Camp No. 22; Guy V. Henry Camp No. 38.

January 8, Hubbell Camp No. 4; Reilly Camp, No. 34; Searles Camp No. 67.

January 9, Manhattan Camp No. 1; Russell Camp No. 43.

January 12, Admiral Sampson Camp No. 48.

January 13, Norman W. Crosby Camp No. 37.

January 14, Old Guard Camp No. 19; Lawton Camp No. 21.

January 18, McKinley Camp No. 62.

January 19, Newell Rising Camp No. 68.

January 20, Tilly Camp No. 66.

January 21, Decker Camp No. 20.

January 27, Keck Camp No. 53; Jarvis Camp No. 23.

January 28, Griffin Engineers No. 31.

January 29, Neptune Naval Camp No. 30.

At page 9 of the Book of Ceremonies, under the heading "Installation of Officers," it is provided: "Before proceeding with the Installation Ceremonies the Mustering Officer shall investigate to his satisfaction as to whether required per capita tax has been paid, official reports forwarded, retiring officers' accounts audited and bond of Quartermaster-elect duly filed."

Paragraph III, G. O. No. 22, c. s. National Headquarters, dated December 15th, 1908, provides: "It is recommended that Department Commanders instruct Installing Officers to make the payment of all arrears from any Camp a prerequisite to the installation of its officers in January, 1909."

VII. A function brilliantly successful from every viewpoint was the military review and reception of Manhattan Camp No. 1, held at the 12th Regiment Armory, New York City, November 25th, 1908, in commemoration of the tenth anni-

versary of the Camp's birth. For the U. S. W. V. the Camp was reviewed by Commander-in-Chief Chas. W. Newton, Department Commander Lounsbury, of Connecticut, and Department Commander Maurice Simmons. On the staff of the Commander-in-Chief were Past Department Commander Breckbill, of Connecticut; Department Senior Vice-Commander John Driscoll, Department Judge Advocate W. Martin Watson, Department Adjutant Ernest W. Larkin, Department Mustering Officer E. C. Keithley, and National Aide-de-Camp Arthur J. Schneidenbach. No social event during the past year has brought more distinction to the Department. Commander John S. Adair and the Comrades of Manhattan Camp deserve full appreciation.

The masquerade and civic ball of Admiral B. H. McCalla Camp No. 65, held at Liederkrantz Hall, Brooklyn, N. Y., on December 12th, was marked by attractive features and gave visible proof of the progressive strides of this young Camp.

More than passing interest is elicited by the smoker and banquet held at the local Armory in Oswego, December 15th, by the Comrades of Robert C. Anderson Camp No. 26. Among the speakers were the Mayor of the city and the President of the Chamber of Commerce. The esteem in which these Comrades are held in that community is indicated in the reports of the function, which covered several columns in the newspaper press of the locality.

The fancy and military dress reception to be held at the 13th Regiment Armory, Sumner, Putnam and Jefferson avenues, Brooklyn, N. Y., on Thursday evening, December 31st, 1908, under the joint auspices of Geo. D. Russell Camp No. 43, and the 13th District Coast Artillery Corps, N. G. N. Y. (Eleventh Company), will be noteworthy in many respects. Arrangements are in preparation to celebrate the advent of the New Year in a novel manner.

VIII. For the past several months Department Judge Advocate W. Martin Watson has exercised his faculties in the execution of the plans preliminary to the submission of the Department's legislative program to the session of the State Legislature which will convene in January, 1909. The struggle for the constitutional recognition of the preferential principle, it is

predicted, will be both memorable and successful. Augmented in membership and schooled in experience, the Department will advocate a comprehensive plan of preference. No Camp, linked to the broadening welfare of the Order, can afford to temporize with requests of the Judge Advocate. Systematic prosecution of legislation is awkward unless founded on an intimate knowledge by Headquarters of individual legislatorial opinion. Each letter or expression of opinion, therefore, received by a Comrade from a member of the State Legislature is of prime importance. They serve, however, no pregnant purpose unless in the hands of the Department's legislative director. Without delay forward same immediately on receipt to the Judge Advocate at his headquarters, 376 Grand street, Borough of Manhattan, New York City.

IX. The attention of Comrades employed in the Civil Service of the State, including the cities, counties and other political subdivisions thereof, is directed to the decision just rendered by Justice Frederic E. Crane, of the New York Supreme Court, Richmond County, in the case of the People ex rel. Ross vs. Dooling, interpreting section 21 of the Civil Service Law. That section provides in part that no honorably discharged volunteer soldier or sailor who served during the recent Spanish-American War, shall be removed from public employment, unless upon written charges, a stated hearing and a right to review by the higher courts. His decision holds that the veteran waives this right unless at or before the time of his removal he submits to the removing official proof that he is such veteran. The opinion of the court in part states: "The statute is a reward for honorable service, and if the employee has not pride enough in that service to declare it at any and every opportune moment, he does not deserve the reward." This decision goes a step in advance of the ruling of the Court of Appeals in the case of the People ex rel. Robesch vs. President, 190 N. Y., 497, in limiting the protection afforded veterans.

Headquarters advises each Comrade of the U. S. W. V. employed in the public service, (1) To file forthwith in the Department in which he is employed a record of his honorable discharge, and (2) immediately upon learning that his removal is in contemplation to present his honorable discharge to the official

in his Department vested with the power of removal and to claim his privilege plainly and expressly. Preserve this paragraph of the General Order for future reference.

X. The benign spirit of the Christmastide should make each Comrade's heart echo with "Peace on earth, good will to men" in that larger comradeship which enfolds all men. Sacred is the obligation to give of our modest possessions to the Comrade in distress, the widowed and the fatherless. The fulfilment of this solemn pledge is the portion of each Camp of the Department. Let its beneficence bring the cheer of the Yuletide to the hearth of the Comrade broken by want or wasted by disease. In this generous season particularly it behooves us to be charitable in judgment of our fellows. Let us subordinate the petty animosities that estrange to the higher claims of the Camp and of the Order, strengthened in our knowledge that there must be a maximum of good in our Comrades, else they would not have given themselves by membership in the U. S. W. V. to its unselfishly patriotic ideals.

Taps.—At New Rochelle, N. Y., December 5th, 1908, passed away the most distinguished Comrade of this Department, Rear Admiral Joseph Bullock Coghlan, who but a few months before had laid down the mantle of supreme authority in the Department of New York. The decedent was born in Frankfort, Ky., in 1844, appointed to the U. S. Naval Academy from Illinois, 1860, served as Ensign in the U. S. S. Sacramento, 1863–1865; appointed master 1865; commissioned Lieutenant in 1867, on the Brooklyn, flagship of the Brazilian squadron, and in 1868 as Lieutenant-Commander was attached to the U. S. S. Richmond, European Squadron. From 1871 to 1873 he was detailed to the Hydrographic Office. In 1875–6 he commanded the iron-clad Saugus, of the North Atlantic Squadron, and thereafter successively served on the receiving ship Colorado and on the Monongahela, of the Asiatic Station. He then assumed control of the receiving ship Independence, and in 1882 was commissioned Commander and placed in charge of the Adams, on the Pacific Station. After being stationed at the Mare Island Navy Yard from 1886 to 1887, he took command of the Mohican. From 1891–4 he was Inspector of Ordnance, League Island Navy Yard, and Lighthouse Inspector 1894–7. Commissioned

Captain in 1896, he was in command of the Raleigh in the battle of Manila, May 1, 1898. He led the expedition for the capture and destruction of the batteries at the entrance to Manila Bay May 2 and 3, 1898, and also the expedition for the capture of Isla Grande, Subig Bay, July 7, 1898. In 1899 he was placed in command of the Puget Sound Naval Station, ordered to the Naval War College 1901, promoted Rear Admiral 1902, and appointed to command the Caribbean Squadron of the North Atlantic Fleet. From 1904 to 1906, the date of his retirement by reason of age limit, he was commandant of the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

The Council of Administration and Committee on Extension of the Order were in session when news of the unexpected death arrived. The Department Commander immediately detailed the following as a committee to formulate arrangements for the contingencies caused by the event, viz.: Past Department Commander Frank Keck, Chairman; Department Judge Advocate W. Martin Watson, Department Mustering Officer Ernest C. Keithley, Commanders Frederick C. Kuehnle, and Henry A. F. Young and Past Commanders James F. Court and Clinton P. Hamilton.

This committee submitted the following recommendations, all of which were adopted by the Council of Administration, viz.:

That a sub-committee be delegated to confer with the family of the deceased concerning the funeral ceremonies;

That a delegation consisting of Chaplain-in-Chief Wm. H. I. Reaney, the Department Commander, the Department Judge Advocate, Department Mustering Officer, Commander Frederick C. Kuehnle and Shipmate J. H. Walters, represent the Department of New York at the funeral services to be held in Washington, D. C., and at the National Cemetery, Arlington, Va.;

That a sub-committee be appointed to draft and have engrossed suitable resolutions of condolence;

That an appropriate floral piece be forwarded to the church in Washington, D. C., designated for the religious ceremonies;

That the Commander-in-Chief and the Department Commander of the District of Columbia be telegraphed to make all necessary and supplemental arrangements in connection with the sad function, and

That a proper committee be constituted to make provision for the erecting of a permanent memorial to the deceased.

Prior to the transportation of the remains to Washington, D. C., December 8, 1908, Norman W. Crosby Camp No. 37, Comrade Peter E. Bartnett commanding, mounted guard over the body at New Rochelle, paying full military honors to the remains. Toward midnight it was succeeded by the guard of honor provided by Old Guard Camp No. 19, Comrade John E. J. Clare commanding. Comrades A. B. Cosgrove and Arthur Fairlamb maintained an all-night vigil over the body on its southward journey. At Washington, D. C., in addition to those heretofore named there were present as special representatives of the Kings County Memorial and Executive Committee, Commander Harry A. F. Young, Past Department Quartermaster Frederick L. Budde and Comrade Edward F. Curran. National Headquarters was represented by Past Commander-in-Chief M. Emmett Urell, National Historian J. Walter Mitchell, National Council of Administration James P. Greely and John Lewis Smith, Assistant Inspector General Edward L. Cogan, and Richard Lamb, National Aide-de-Camp. These details were re-enforced by many of the Comrades of the Department of the District of Columbia, to whose genial and serviceable Commander, Gustave E. Rausch, the Department of New York is indebted, and to whom it hereby expresses its acknowledgment.

The services for the dead were held at St. John's Church, Washington, D. C., and the remains were interred at Arlington, Va., December 9th, with appropriate military honors. The funeral cortege formed an impressive spectacle. Behind the full Marine Band marched four companies of marines and a company of bluejackets. The casket, enveloped in a Union Jack, rested on a caisson, before which was the Admiral's flag at half-mast and draped in black. The escort of honor consisted of the U. S. W. V., with the Department of New York on right of line. Most conspicuous among the floral pieces was "the large floral anchor of red and pale pink roses from the Department of New York, United Spanish War Veterans, inscribed 'Comrade.'" The interment of all that was mortal of our beloved Comrade took place at Arlington, Va. The scene was memorably picturesque and full of pathetic intensity. The bleak December

day formed a sad setting for the occasion. The martial tribute of rattling musketry was followed by the solemn and sublime notes of "Taps," and New York's great Department Commander was gathered to his fathers.

Joseph B. Coghlan was of princely moral stature. Simplicity of manner, sincerity of purpose, and elimination of self, graced him, as it always does the earth's elect. A few days before his demise, even as he walked in the valley of the shadow of death, he wrote the Department Commander, in a characteristically humorous vein, and then, as if visited with a premonition, in its closing sentence he uttered this valedictory and benediction: "God bless the young men."

Commanders are hereby directed to cause the colors and the charters of their Camps to be draped for a period of thirty days herefrom.

By order of

MAURICE SIMMONS,

Department Commander.

Official:

E. W. LARKIN,

Department Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK.

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

NEW YORK, *February* 10, 1909.

General Orders No. 6

I. The following appointments are hereby announced:

Aides-de-Camp to the Department Commander.

Adjutant Franklin W. Christman, Col. John W. Vrooman Camp No. 51.

Comrade James Dougherty, Jas. S. Decker Camp No. 20.

Comrade Alton W. Montgomery, Louis B. Lawton Camp No. 39.

Department Color Bearer.

Haakon Hanson, Naval Camp No. 49.

Assistant Department Inspectors.

Past Commander Frederick Gorst, District No. 2, Middletown and Haverstraw.

Commander Charles A. Olivier, District 3A, Schenectady, Amsterdam, Cohoes, Troy and Albany.

Commander George B. Waterman, District 3B, Hudson and Kingston.

Special Legislative Aide.

Comrade A. H. Pincus, Adjutant, Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46.

The legislative campaign has begun. Without the roster of each Camp proposed legislation is imperiled. *Commanders are directed to instruct their Adjutants to forward immediately to Headquarters a roster of the Camp showing (1) the name of each Comrade; (2) his residence; (3) assembly district and (4) senatorial district.* The Department Commander will submit to the consideration of the Department Encampment the names of the Commanders of the few Camps that have either designedly or inadvertently failed to forward this roster.

II. The application of New Utrecht Camp No. 77, located at Bath Beach, Brooklyn, for a charter was approved by National Headquarters January 16, 1909, and the Camp was formally mustered in February 15th, the anniversary of the destruction of the battleship "Maine." The installation and the "Maine" memorial services will be conducted jointly at the historical New Utrecht Reformed Church, Eighty-sixth street and Eighteenth avenue, Brooklyn. A memorable musical and oratorical program has been arranged. The Camp will be the recipient of a stand of national colors, to be presented by the residents of the locality. The function will be honored by men of distinction in the community. The installing officer will be Past Department Commander Frank Keck. Attending delegations are requested to present themselves in uniform, with Camp colors, to Adjutant William Macauley, Marshal of the U. S. W. V. contingent. Its organization brings additional laurels to the record of Comrade James S. Long, Past Department Inspector. Similar applications are pending. From the reports filed the method of Camp creation may be

gleaned. An advertisement is inserted in a newspaper published in the locality selected, requesting eligibles to forward name and address to the Organizer. Those responding thereto are convened and temporary organization affected. The advertisement is repeated and after a working interval the muster-in arranged. Significant is a parallel scheme of periodic advertisement by established Camps, extolling the merits and defining the plans of the Camp and the order, whereby they have attracted numerous recruits. Instances are recurrent of eligibles who desire to affiliate with the U. S. W. V., but who possess only a vague notion of its existence, without concrete knowledge of the name, location or officers of any Camp. To grasp these outstretched hands publicity is essential. Commanders are requested to submit this subject for deliberation to their respective Camps.

III. Growth is an index of health. An increased membership is a badge of strength. The royal highway to the permanence of the order lies in recruiting. The following premiums are being offered to the Camp that shows the largest increase and the smallest loss of membership from January 1, 1909, to the date of the Department Encampment at Oswego:

By Comrade Bernhardt Wall, president of the Manhattan Borough Council, a painting in water colors, typifying the Spanish War. The painting is a masterpiece and will grace the headquarters of the successful Camp.

By Comrade W. D. Tucker, editor of the U. S. W. V. Department of the *Army and Navy Life*, a stand of Camp colors of the minimum value of \$100, or the equivalent as the victorious Camp may elect. The competition is open to the feeblest Camp and the percentage of increase or decrease will not be based on mere numbers, but on the roster of the Camp as fixed at the former date.

IV. Article 7, section 15, of the Rules and Regulations provides as follows:

“Camps may adopt by-laws for their government not inconsistent with the Rules and Regulations or orders of the National or Department organizations, and may provide for the alteration and amendment thereof, *provided that such by-laws shall not be effective until approved by the Department Commander.*”

Until, therefore, the Department Commander has affixed his approval to the by-laws of Camps they are inoperative and without

legal effect. To rectify this omission Commanders of derelict Camps are directed to submit said by-laws to Department Headquarters for official action.

V. Statutory provision is made against the interment of any honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine in a pauper's grave. Chapter 328 of Laws of 1908 of New York provides in part:

"Sec. 83. Burial of soldiers, sailors or marines.—The Board of Supervisors in each of the counties shall designate some proper person or authority, other than that designated for the care of poor persons, or the custody of criminals, who shall cause to be interred the body of *any honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine*, who has served in the military or naval service of the United States, or the body of the wife or widow of any soldier, sailor or marine, married to him previous to eighteen hundred and ninety, who shall die such widow, *and who shall hereafter die without leaving sufficient means to defray his or her funeral expenses, but such expenses shall in no case exceed fifty dollars.* If deceased has relatives or friends who desire to conduct the burial, but are unable or unwilling to pay the charge therefor, such sum shall be paid by the county treasurer, upon due proof of the claim, and of the death and burial of the soldier, sailor, or marine, or of the wife or widow of such soldier, sailor or marine, to the person so conducting such burial. Such interment shall not be made in the cemetery or cemetery plot used exclusively for the burial of poor persons deceased."

The undertaker should be directed to present his uncollected claim for funeral expenses to the county treasurer, or in the City of New York, to the comptroller. He should be accompanied by some person who can identify the deceased as an honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine.

In the event that the deceased leaves collectible insurance the statute is inapplicable.

VI. Much of the time and energy of Headquarters has been deflected from the general needs of the Department by the incessant exactions of individual Comrades in matters which should have been disposed of by the camps or the local council. Hereafter no application will be considered by the Department Commander unless the Comrade presents a certificate subscribed by his Camp Commander stating (1) *that the applicant is a Comrade in good*

standing, and (2) that the matter submitted cannot be disposed of by the Camp or local council.

The Comrade should thereupon submit a detailed statement of his case or grievance in writing and add a record of his war service.

VII. A source of gratification is the standard of excellence observed in the form and composition of printed Camp orders, regularly received at Headquarters. Models worthy of imitation are those in use by the following Camps, viz.: Manhattan, No. 1; Hubbell, No. 4; Gloucester Navel, No. 5; Roosevelt, No. 10; Admiral Schley, No. 16; Old Guard, No. 19; Joseph S. Decker, No. 20; Robert C. Anderson, No. 26; Guy V. Henry, No. 38; Hamilton Fish, No. 46; Admiral Sampson, No. 48; Naval, No. 49; Major Frank Keck, No. 53; and Thomas H. Barry, No. 73.

VIII. To assist in maintaining accuracy in Camp records, Commanders are directed to instruct their Adjutants, whenever a transferred Comrade is accepted into membership, to communicate the fact and date of the transferee's acceptance to the Adjutant of the transferring Camp.

IX. In the course of his official visits the Department Commander has observed the sphere of operations of the Ladies' Auxiliaries. Each has proved a valuable adjunct to the Camp to which it is attached. By this beneficial social stimulus, the Camp is caused to emerge from the monotony of a depressing routine. Each Auxiliary accelerates recruiting. Mrs. Kathryne Fellows, 1320 45th street, Borough Park, Brooklyn, New York City, Department President of the Auxiliaries of the U. S. W. V., Department of New York, who should be consulted concerning the formation of any projected auxiliary, writes these Headquarters in part:

"The membership of an auxiliary shall be composed of female relatives of any person eligible to membership in U. S. W. V., and who shall have attained the age of sixteen years, as well as nurses and patriotic women engaged in relief work during the war with Spain and the incident war in the Philippines.

"The objects of this organization are as follows: To extend aid and sympathy to all soldiers, sailors and marines of the Spanish war and their dependents, to co-operate with them in all

their relief work and social functions; to promote patriotism, humanity and a proper reverence for the flag.

"There are many reasons why every Camp should have an Auxiliary attached to it, not only for the promotion of the above named objects, but also for the fact that women are more adapted for relief work than men. They are capable of reaching cases where men would fail. In the matter of social support, the Comrades who have given affairs in which refreshments have a part, realize that women's natural ability adds materially to the economy of the work. Being blood relatives of the U. S. W. V. makes the work of that organization nearer to our hearts and consequently makes us good, sincere workers for the advancement of your order."

X. The Comrades of the U. S. W. V. and the G. A. R. will constitute the Honorary Escort of the President and President-elect at the inauguration ceremonies to be held at the National Capitol, March 4, 1909. Elaborate arrangements have been made for the entertainment of visiting Comrades by the Department of the District of Columbia. Commanders of this Department who intend to participate in the inaugural parade as members of the Escort are requested immediately to communicate that fact to the Department Adjutant of the District of Columbia, Comrade John Lewis Smith, 458 Louisiana avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C.

XI. The attention of Camp Commanders is hereby directed to Circulars No. 1 and No. 2, issued from National Headquarters, respectively dated January 6 and 7, 1909.

XII. The chain of installation is still incomplete. The Department Commander attended the Ceremonies of thirty-one Camps during the month of January. This tour gave an inspiring revelation of the prestige and power of the Department. The installation of the officers of Major Frank Keck Camp No. 53, was honored by the presence of the Commander-in-Chief and Staff. Several of the Camps, by appropriate gifts, graciously acknowledged the services of faithful Commanders. The term of office of Commander Leo A. Thelen was characterized by unique individual achievement. Through his efforts L. B. Smith Camp No. 25, among other things, acquired a plot in Mt. Hope

Cemetery, Rochester, N. Y., adjoining the Soldiers' Monument, worth several thousand dollars. At its installation of officers there was presented to the Camp a beautiful stand of colors, the gift of Comrade James W. Wadsworth, Jr., Speaker of the State Assembly. Such Commanders mold generously the well-being of our Order.

XIII. Noteworthy is the labor of the Buffalo Joint City Board which is engaged in the acquisition of a large cemetery plot and the erection thereon of an appropriate monument. This Board has at public expense procured the erection of gravestones over the graves of more than two hundred of our deceased Comrades.

XIV. The interweaving of our Order into a more durable fabric will be accomplished in part by the interchange of visits at the social functions of neighboring Camps. The Department Commander and Staff will be guests at the following:

Feb. 11th (Lincoln's Birthday Eve), military reception and ball of the General Guy V. Henry Camp No. 38, at Imperial Lyceum, 55th street and third avenue, New York City;

Feb. 13th, naval reception of Admiral Schley Naval Squadron No. 16, at Liederkranz hall, Manhattan avenue and Meserole street, Brooklyn;

Feb. 23d, reception of Admiral Sampson Naval Camp, No. 48, at its Headquarters, 319 Atlantic avenue, Brooklyn; and

March 6th, Manhattan Borough Council will conduct its annual athletic meet at the 22d Regiment Armory, 67th street and Broadway, New York City. These games will, as customarily, be signalized by the participation of athletes of international repute. The attendant publicity keeps the Order prominently in the public vision. The games, thanks to the unsparing efforts of Past Commander Daniel J. Murphy and those associated with him, have become a recognized U. S. W. V. institution. Pride should prompt all Comrades to their generous support. Trophies and prizes of handsome design will be awarded to the victors.

XV. The following past social affairs are noted:

Dec. 17, 1908, the military and civic ball of Norman W. Crosby Camp No. 37, at New Rochelle;

Dec. 31, 1908, the fancy and military dress reception of Geo. D. Russell Camp No. 43, and the 13th District Coast Artillery Corps, N. G. N. Y., at the 13th Regiment Armory, Brooklyn; and

Jan. 29th, 1909, the reception and package party of Thos. H. Barry Camp No. 73, at Bay Ridge, Brooklyn.

Viewed as social and financial successes they augur well for the progress of the Camps designated.

XVI. Comrades who, during the recent war with Spain, served in Company C, 12th N. Y. Volunteer Infantry, are requested to forward their names and addresses to Comrade A. H. Pincus, Adjutant of Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp No 46, residing at No. 1585 Second avenue, Borough of Manhattan, New York City.

Information is also desired by him concerning the whereabouts of one William Whalen, who during the recent war with Spain served in Company G, 8th N. Y. Volunteer Infantry, thereafter re-enlisted in Company F, 13th U. S. Infantry, from which regiment he was subsequently honorably discharged.

XVII. The mailing list and official roster of the Department cannot be completed until the name and address of the Commander, Adjutant and Quartermaster of each Camp are filed with Department Headquarters. Camp Commanders are directed to instruct their Adjutants to forward this information together with the time and place of meeting of the Camp.

TAPS.—Comrade Patrick Maher, of Griffin Engineer Camp No. 31, formerly of Company E, 1st Regiment U. S. Volunteer Engineers, died at New York City, September 3, 1908. At the funeral there was present a delegation of Comrades from the above Camp.

Comrade James M. Leonard, General Guy V. Henry Camp No. 38, formerly of Company E, 69th N. Y. Volunteer Infantry, died at New York City, January 21, 1909. The solemn ritualistic ceremony of the U. S. W. V. was administered over his grave by Camp Chaplain Frank H. Wood.

Comrade James W. McLaren, of Marcus D. Russell Camp No. 2, formerly Quartermaster-Sergeant of Company C, 2d N. Y. Volunteer Infantry, died January, 1909, at Troy. He was buried with full military honors.

The sympathy of these Headquarters and of the Comrades throughout the Department is hereby extended to the families of our deceased Comrades and to the members of their respective Camps.

By order of
MAURICE SIMMONS,
Department Commander.

OFFICIAL:

E. W. LARKIN,
Department Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK.

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

NEW YORK, *April 14, 1909.*

General Orders No. 7.

I. Appointments. The following appointments are hereby announced:

Aides on the Staff of the Department Commander.

Past Commander Philemon H. Haselton, W. A. Wilson Camp No. 9.

Comrade D. F. Howe, O. Ross Wheeler Camp No. 35.

Commander John A. Sorg, Major John K. Sague Camp No. 44.

Past Commander Henry S. Ball, Louis W. Carlisle Camp No. 56.

Past Commander Richard C. Payne, Hudson Camp No. 71.

Senior Vice-Commander William J. Floud, J. D. Johnston Camp No. 74.

Officer of the Day, Edwin Burhaus, Colonial Camp No. 75.

Comrade Edward G. Clarke, New Utrecht Camp No. 77.

Assistant Department Inspector.

Commander Howard O. Clair, District No. 8 for Watertown and Ogdensburg. The Department of New York is to be felicitated on the personnel and capacity of its inspectorial staff.

Special Employment Detail.

National Aide, William D. Tucker, Old Guard Camp No. 19.

Special Department Transportation and Encampment Detail.

Past Commander John E. J. Clare, Old Guard Camp No. 19.

II. Legislation. The following measures are pending in the Legislature of New York State:

(a) A resolution proposing an amendment of the State Constitution by granting a ten-point preference in civil service examinations for appointment and promotion to all persons on the eligible list who served during the Spanish War, the Philippine Insurrection prior to July 4, 1902, and the Boxer Campaign in China.

(b) A bill amending the Civil Service Law by granting to regulars who served during the Spanish War, and to all who participated in the Philippine Insurrection prior to July 4, 1902, the benefits now enjoyed by Union veterans, volunteers of the Spanish War, and volunteer firemen, viz., the right to a trial and judicial protection before removal from public employment; and

(c) A bill amending the General Cities Law by authorizing cities of the third class (a majority of the cities of the State) to expend \$300 for Memorial Day purposes, the disbursing board to consist of the Mayor, the President of the Common Council, the Commanders and Quartermasters of the local G. A. R. Posts and U. S. W. V. Camps. The present maximum is \$200 and confined to the G. A. R.

The first of these measures ranks the others in importance. Hearings were had thereon before the Judiciary Committees of the Assembly and Senate at the State Capitol on the 6th and 7th days of April. The claims of the U. S. W. V. were presented at the former by the Department Commander, the Judge-Advocate and Past Department Junior Vice-Commander Frederick Kuehnle, and the latter, in addition to these, there participated Past Commander-in-Chief Hamilton Ward and Past Commander Stewart McKnight of Searles Camp No. 67. Efficient co-operation was given by the following delegation: Department Senior Vice-Commander John D. Driscoll, Department Marshal Terence J. O'Donnell, Department, Chief of Staff William J. Cunningham,

Department Medical Director Garrett V. Johnson, Past Department Junior Vice-Commander Frank Hoppman, Past Department Inspectors James S. Long and George W. McCune, Commanders Patrick F. Harney, Manhattan, No. 1; Charles A. Olivier, Russell, No. 2; John T. Smith, Barbour, No. 3; Alfred A. Mitchell, New Utrecht, No. 77; National Aide William D. Tucker, Comrades W. G. Sunney, C. M. Williams and Frank Yovitz, all of Eugene Griffin, No. 11; Samuel E. Rounds and Philip Musket of Russell, No. 2, and William Malcolm of Rockwell Palmer No. 28.

Allied in formidable opposition were the representatives of the Civil Service Commission and the Civil Service Reform Association of the State and of the like municipal commissions, reform associations and civil service employee organizations of the principal municipalities of the State. Never was the Legislature so systematically canvassed by the enemies of preferential legislation. Unless every Comrade in the Department follows the path marked by the Judge-Advocate, who has dedicated himself to their cause with sleepless vigilance, the resolution is doomed. Act at once. Write three letters. This is the only individual appeal for labor that Headquarters has made to you during the year. A letter should be addressed to Hon. James W. Wadsworth, Jr., Speaker of the Assembly, Albany, N. Y.; to your local Senator, and to your local Assemblyman. Of paramount importance is the letter to the Speaker. Should he request it, the resolution will pass the Assembly. In that Chamber the peril is great. The Speaker is a member of L. Boardman Smith Camp No. 25, of Rochester. Appeal to him as a Comrade. By all means write him. The following general form of letter addressed to your Assemblyman or Senator should be consulted, not copied:

Hon. John Doe:

Albany, N. Y.

As one of your constituents I ask you to vote for the resolution granting Spanish War Veterans a ten-point preference in civil service examinations. I make this request on behalf of my Camp, containing more than one hundred organized veterans, and of affiliated societies and friends deeply interested in your course on this measure.

Respectfully yours,

Mail all answers received by you to Headquarters. To prevent a recurrence of last year's subterfuge, see your local legislators personally and insist that they rise and demand a recorded roll-call vote on the measure and all motions affecting it.

III. New Camps. Hudson B. Moore Camp No. 78, with an unusually large roster, was mustered into the Order at the Armory, Newburgh, March 7th, in the presence of a distinguished gathering of citizens. Much of the credit for its organization is due to Department Mustering Officer Ernest C. Keithley.

Thomas Fitzgerald Camp No. 79 was duly mustered into the Order at the Armory, White Plains, March 18th. Its inception is primarily due to the earnest efforts of Comrade Isaac Joel, Carmer Camp No. 8, a member of the Department Recruiting Committee.

Both functions were favored with generous newspaper publicity and honored by the presence of local G. A. R. delegations. Comrade W. Martin Watson, Department Judge-Advocate, officiated as Mustering Officer, and the Department Commander as Installing Officer, while at the former, Department Inspector Frank D. Lakestream and at the latter Department Marshal Terence J. O'Donnell acted as Master of Ceremonies.

The application of Malcolm W. Rafferty Camp No. 80, located, at Long Island City, was approved by National Headquarters April 3d. Its muster-rolls indicate that this Camp takes its place at once as one of the largest in the Department. Its formal induction into the Order will occur at Frenz's Casino, Jackson and Skillman avenues, Long Island City, Saturday, April 17th, at 8 P. M. Visiting delegations should be uniformed. This Camp owes its creation to the fertile energies of National Aide Alfred J. Kennedy.

The application of Sergeant Charles Smith Camp No. 81, located at Sackett's Harbor, with a contemplated roster of one hundred charter members, was approved by the Department Commander April 12th. Its sponser is Assistant Department Inspector Howard O. Clair, whose fruitful labors have contributed to the steady advance of the Department.

IV. Camp Rosters. A few Camps have prevented publication of the Department Roster by failure to file names and addresses of Commander, Adjutant and Quartermaster and time and place of

meeting. Similar delinquency exists as to semi-annual report for term ending June 30, 1908.

V. Memorial Day. Soon the nation will voice its requiem for the heroic dead. This is the one day of the year consecrated to the invisible patriotic host. By reason of your service with the colors, its sacred significance must peculiarly appeal to you. Do not be recreant to its obligation. No Camp should let the graves of its departed go unhonored. In reverential tribute to the dead, let every comrade parade.

VI. Uniform. The returns of the annual inspection show that the Camps of this Department are, with few exceptions, uniformed. Are you equipped? No Comrade has fully measured up to the regulations unless he has uniformed himself. Compliance should be made with this requirement before Memorial Day. Our uniform is a historic symbol of the coalescing of the Blue and Gray. By wearing it on occasions of ceremony, Comrades will help familiarize the public with our Order.

VII. Military Burial. Through the initiative of Major-General Leonard Wood, Commanding the Department of the East, U. S. A., an order was approved by the Secretary of War, January 26, 1909, authorizing the burial in post cemeteries in and about New York harbor of officers and enlisted men of the retired list, with proper escorts and firing parties.

VIII. Miscellaneous Functions. February 13th Admiral Schley Naval Squadron, No. 16, held forth in a pleasurable reception at Liederkrantz Hall, Brooklyn. Visiting shipmates and Comrades were amply compensated by an evening of good cheer.

February 15th New Utrecht Camp No. 77 signalized its entrance into the Order by the installation of its officers, a presentation of colors, and memorial services in commemoration of the anniversary of the destruction of the U. S. Battleship Maine. The joint ceremonies at the New Utrecht Reformed Church, Brooklyn, attracted favorable public comment and reflected credit on the U. S. W. V.

March 6th the Manhattan Borough Council made another stride in advance by the conduct of its athletic games at the 22d Regiment Armory, New York city. Another of the world's athletic records was lowered. This annual athletic meet is in its scope and

effect without parallel among the undertakings of any other body in the Department. No other individual agency has so impressed the public mind with the influence of the U. S. W. V. The appreciation of Headquarters is hereby extended to Comrade Daniel J. Murphy, Major, Corps of Engineers, 22d Regiment, the progenitor of the games, and to his faithful associates on the Games Committee.

March 13th Henry J. Reilly Camp No. 34 entertained the Comrades in lighter vein at its smoker in Duff's Hall, Brooklyn. Novel features characterized the entertainment.

March 30th F. C. Warner Camp No. 52 held a unique campfire at the Ilion Outing Club House in Weaver's Woods.

April 23d Fourteenth Regiment Camp No. 14 will conduct a euchre and dance, accompanied by the presentation of a stand of colors, at the Armory, Fourteenth street and Eighth avenue, Brooklyn.

April 24th. At the regular assembly of Manhattan Camp No. 1, Past Department Commander Champe S. Andrews, a most graceful and ornate orator, will deliver a lecture on the "Lessons of the Spanish War."

May 8th General H. W. Lawton Camp No. 21 will hold its package party and dance at its Headquarters, Lorimer and Ten Eyck streets, Brooklyn.

May 23d Gloucester Naval Camp No. 5 will celebrate its annual field Memorial Mass on the parade grounds of the Marine Barracks, Brooklyn Navy Yard, Sunday at 10 A. M. Among the participants will be Comrade Rev. John P. Chidwick, who was Chaplain of the ill-fated U. S. S. Maine. The guard of honor will consist of a company of U. S. Marines, and the order of formation will be: Regulars, U. S. Marines, Bluejackets, National Guard and Spanish War Veterans. The function is annually attended by about 30,000 persons, and the accompanying publicity has attracted favorable attention. The U. S. W. V. Camps that engage themselves thus in memorial observance deserve the commendation of these Headquarters.

IX. Muster Day. Pursuant to resolution of the recent National Encampment, the Manhattan Borough Council has designated the 12th Regiment Armory, Sixty-first street and Broadway,

April 19th, at 8 P. M., for the anniversarial observance of Muster Day. Comrades attached to Camps within the territorial jurisdiction of this body are requested to assemble at this rendezvous for the purpose of renewing the oath of allegiance accepted by them at the inception of war service. The assemblage will be addressed by eminent speakers.

Camps throughout the Department in conformity with said resolution are hereby directed to convene for like purpose.

X. Information. (a) Comrades who served in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps in China during the Chinese Relief Expedition of 1900 are requested to forward their names and addresses to Commander Howard O. Clair, Louis W. Carlisle Camp No. 56, No. 20 Burdick Building, Watertown, N. Y.

(b) Those who served with Comrade Frederick H. Clinton, formerly of Co. K, 201st N. Y. Vol. Inf., and Co. F, 27th U. S. Vol. Inf., are requested to communicate their names and addresses to Walter L. Piper, No. 7 Hammond street, Bangor, Me.

XI. "Boys of '98." The attention of Comrades is directed to this meritorious periodical, published for several years by Chaplain F. Van Buren of Roosevelt Camp No. 10.

Taps.

Comrade Frank A. Cushing, Griffin Engineer Camp No. 31, formerly a private of Co. D, 1st Regiment U. S. Vol. Engineers, who served during the Porto Rican campaign, died at Washington, D. C., November 25, 1908, and was interred with due military honors.

Comrade Joseph Offwell, Griffin Engineer Camp No. 31, formerly of U. S. S. Nashville, who participated in the blockade at Santiago, died in New York city March 31st and was interred in the National Cemetery, Brooklyn, with military honors.

Comrade James O'Neill, Robert C. Anderson Camp No. 26, formerly a private in Co. D, 3d N. Y. Vol. Inf., and Co. C, 9th U. S. Inf., who served during the Philippine Insurrection and in the Chinese Expedition, died at Watertown, N. Y., February 9, 1909. His Camp provided the pallbearers and escort. A firing squad was supplied by Lieutenant-Colonel Paxton, Commandant of Fort Ontario.

Comrade James A. Tucker, Manhattan Camp No. 1, formerly a Corporal of Co. H, 12th N. Y. Vol. Inf., who served in Cuba, died February 9, 1909, at New York city. A large delegation of Comrades, including National and Departmental officers, joined in the military obsequies over his grave.

Comrade Charles L. Enders, Jr., late of General Eugene Griffin Camp No. 11, who served as a private in Co. F, 2d N. Y. Vol. Inf., during the War with Spain, died at Gloversville, N. Y., December 29, 1908, and was thereafter buried by his Camp, with appropriate honors, at Central Bridge, N. Y.

The sympathy of these Headquarters and the Comrades throughout the Department is hereby extended to the families of our deceased Comrades and to the members of their respective Camps.

By order of

MAURICE SIMMONS,

OFFICIAL:

Department Commander.

E. W. LARKIN,

Department Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK.

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

NEW YORK, *June 10, 1909.*

General Orders No. 8.

I. Appointments. The following appointments are hereby announced:

Department Mustering Officer.

Comrade Wm. S. Halliday, Wm. H. Hubbell Camp No. 4, vice Ernest C. Keithley, resigned.

Member of Department Council of Administration.

Comrade William S. Styles, Sergt. Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46, vice Comrade Albert B. Davis, who has removed to the Department of California.

Aide to the Department Commander.

Comrade William E. Malone, William McKinley Camp No. 62.

II. New Camps.—Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan, No. 82, was mustered into the Order at Brooklyn, New York City, April 28, 1909, on the initiative of Past Department Adjutant William A. Reardon, its organizer.

Lockport Camp No. 83, was inducted into membership at Lockport, May 26, 1909. The Camp is a further attestation to the beneficent labors of Assistant Department Inspector John H. Grant of Buffalo, Past Surgeon-General of the Order. Preliminarily to its organization he conducted an advertising campaign in the local newspapers, the expenditures for which he personally assumed. His inspections of the Camps within the 10th Inspectorial District reflect his soldierly precision. The efficiency of his performance of the manifold details assigned to him merit the commendation of these Headquarters. He is of the unselfish type that works in sacrifice—one of the constructive leaders of our Order.

Preparations are in the making for the formation of several Camps among military bodies, whose entrance into the Department will bring additional prestige and influence.

III. Council of Administration.—The Department Council is hereby directed to convene at these Headquarters Saturday, June 26, at 1 P. M. The program submitted for deliberation will involve finance, legislation, extension and the approaching Department encampment. Recommendations of individual comrades and resolutions of Camps and District Councils in order to receive consideration should be transmitted forthwith to the Department Adjutant. Expressions of opinion concerning future statutory enactments are urgently invited.

IV. Camp Audits.—Commanders are hereby directed to enforce compliance with section 1 of Article VIII of the Department Rules and Regulations as follows:

“During the months of June and December the Camp Quartermaster’s and Camp Adjutant’s books and vouchers shall be audited by a committee selected at the first meeting in each of said months, which shall report at the following meeting the re-

sult of its audit, giving a statement of the receipts and disbursements for each meeting with the total thereof, the amount of money on hand at the time of last report and amount on hand to date. The report shall also show the number in good and bad standing to date. The report shall be signed by the auditing committee and kept on file, subject to inspection by the Department Inspector."

V. Regulations affecting encampments.

(1) Camps are directed to elect delegates and alternates to the Department and National Encampments and to forward their names and addresses and those of Past Commanders to the Department Adjutant not later than July 15, 1909. Speedy compliance with this request will insure the issuance of credentials to those duly authorized thereto.

(2) Each Camp is entitled to one delegate to the Department Encampment for each fifty members or majority fraction thereof, and to one delegate to the National Encampment for each one hundred members or majority fraction thereof. (Nat. R. & R., Sec. 13, Art. VI; Sec. 14, Art. VIII.)

(3) Per capita tax "is due and payable in advance on January 1st and July 1st of each year. * * * Camps that do not pay their indebtedness on these dates are in arrears, and no Camp is entitled to representation in Department or National Encampments unless it has paid its per capita tax" as aforesaid. "Camps in Departments which hold their Encampments after July 1st will not be entitled to representation unless the per capita tax is paid to December 31st of this year and they have rendered their semi-annual report as of June 30th. Department Commanders are charged with a strict enforcement of this rule." (G. O. No. 7, Series 1909, Nat. H'dq'rs and R. & R., Sec. 21, Art. XII.)

VI. New York Department Encampment.—The Encampment will be held at Oswego, August 2, 3 and 4. A committee under the supervision of National Aide Torrey A. Ball, is perfecting arrangements for a program unprecedented in the annals of the Department. A fund of several thousand dollars, subscribed to by public-spirited citizens of Oswego, is to be disbursed for the entertainment of the delegates, the members of the Ladies'

Auxiliary, visiting comrades and friends. The occasion will witness the convening of the Imperial Order of the Dragon, the official institution of the Grand Lair of New York of the Military Order of the Serpent, with its many grotesque and diverting accompaniments, the reunion of the Third Regiment, N. Y. Vol. Infantry, and other military organizations. The city and contiguous territory is enshrined in historic memory and literature. Nearby are the Thousand Islands and other centers of recuperation and scenic beauty.

A special rate of a fare and three-fifths has been arranged for delegates and visiting friends. Several Camps have organized "Oswego Clubs." To permit a preparation mutually helpful and to secure the advantages of comfortable and reduced transportation, Camp Commanders are directed to forward the names and addresses of delegates, visiting comrades and their friends to Past Commander John E. J. Clare, Special Transportation and Encampment Aide, 346 Broadway, New York City. A special train of cars will convey the contingent from New York City, the Hudson Valley and the Mohawk Valley. Every comrade should avail himself of this opportunity for an inexpensive and recreative vacation. By resolution of the Board of Aldermen of New York City, approved by the Mayor, June 1, 1909, all of its municipal employees, elected as delegates or alternates to the Encampment, are granted leave of absence with pay.

VII. New Jersey Department Encampment.—The Department of New Jersey invites all comrades of this Department to attend its sixth annual encampment to be held at Bayonne, Saturday, June 19, 1909. Headquarters will be established at Opera House Hall. The order of the day is as follows: 10 a. m., assembly of delegates at headquarters; 12 m., mess call; 1:30 p. m., assembly for parade; 3:00 p. m. afternoon session; 6:00 p. m., banquet.

VIII. National Countersign.—National Headquarters advises that some of the Camps of this Department are in arrears for nonpayment of per capita tax for the term ending June 30, 1909, which became due and payable January 1, 1909, and have neglected to remit their semi-annual reports. Unless such conditions are rectified forthwith, these Camps will not be vested

with the new National countersign and parole, and will forfeit the prerogatives enjoyed by Camps in good standing.

IX. Legislation.—With unflagging zeal the legislative program of the Department was conducted during the past season. The ten-point preference resolution was reported favorably from the Senate Judiciary Committee, but a vote was unattainable in the Senate. In the lower Chamber it was referred to the Rules Committee, of which the Speaker, Comrade James W. Wadsworth, Jr., was the chairman, from which its issuance was prevented.

The measure granting regulars the protection accorded to volunteers in the civil service passed the Assembly, but remained dormant in the Senate.

The bill sponsored by Assemblyman Seymour Lowman and Senator Benn Conger permitting cities of the third class, constituting most of the municipalities of the State, to appropriate the sum of \$300 for the observance of Memorial Day, to be disbursed by the president of the local common council and the Commanders and Quartermasters of G. A. R. Posts and U. S. W. V. Camps, was enacted as chapter 288 of the Laws of 1909.

The session therefore was fruitful of definite results. The Camps by organized effort were drilled for our future legislative battles. The members of the Legislature were brought into personal contact with the militant spirit of the enlarging Order. Schooled by defeat we will achieve our ends. The path to victory is paved with defeats. The Comrades are obligated to the self-denying and inspiring leadership of Judge Advocate W. Martin Watson who marshalled our faithful few against the allied opposition of the various Civil Service Commissions' Civil Service Reform Associations and employee organizations of the State and the covert antagonism of both political machines.

X. Recruiting.—No single sphere of activity has been so big with promise as that of recruiting. The tabulated returns are significant. They indicate everywhere a strengthening of the pillars of the Department. A keen rivalry is inciting the various Camps to the acquisition of the recruiting prizes. These are:

1. A stand of Camp colors or the cash equivalent of \$100, offered by National Aide William D. Tucker.

2. A masterpiece in water colors symbolizing the spirit of the Spanish War, donated by Comrade Bernhard Wall, Past President of Manhattan Borough Council.

By its recruiting fruits will each Camp be judged.

XI. Court Martial.—Certain charges having been preferred against Shipmate William F. Morian, Past Commander of Admiral Schley Naval Camp No. 16, and the accused having demanded and received a Department Court Martial, and the following Comrades, Frank Keck, Past Department Commander, as President; Terence J. O'Donnell, Department Marshal; W. O. Burgess, Commander of Defendamp Camp No. 36; Augustus H. Aschemoor, Senior Vice-Commander of Jarvis Camp No. 23; Ralph H. Parker, Adjutant of Wilson Camp No. 59; and Edward T. Curran of Hubbell Camp No. 4, as Judge Advocate, duly thereunto authorized, after hearing the evidence, having, on February 23, 1909, found the accused "guilty of conduct unbecoming a sailor and a gentleman in his relations with the United Spanish War Veterans," now, therefore, pursuant to the findings of said court, I do hereby censure Shipmate William F. Morian for his violation of the sacred obligation of Comradeship. His dereliction was a premeditated one, offensive to the spirit of Comradeship and its reprehensibility demands stern condemnation. Disclosure of the secret proceedings of Camps must cease. Assaults on the character of a Shipmate or Comrade are not warranted by our regulations. The findings and sentence of said court are hereby confirmed.

XII.—Miscellaneous Events.

May 3d. A regimental re-union and banquet was conducted by Saratoga Camp No. 58, at Saratoga, at which were present delegations from Marcus D. Russell Camp No. 2, of Troy; Warren A. Wilson Camp No. 9, of Glens Falls; Gen. Eugene Griffin Camp No. 11, of Schenectady; David J. Johnson Camp No. 74, of Cohoes, and Stephen Sandford Camp No. 6, of Amsterdam. Among the prominent members of the Order in attendance were Hon. W. Fenton Myers, Surrogate of Montgomery County; Treasurer Walbridge of Saratoga County, Chief of Staff and National Aide, William J. Cunningham, Assistant Department Inspector and National Aide A. W. A. Giersberg, Commander

Charles Olivier, Commander H. S. Ball, Jr., and Commander Clarence Davenport. The guests were the members of the local G. A. R. Post and the Department Commander. The function was an unqualified success and redounds to the credit of Comrade Giersberg.

April 12th. New Utrecht Camp No. 77, accentuated its manifold activities with a euchre and dance at Bath Beach.

May 7th. General H. W. Lawton Camp No. 21 tendered a package party and dance at Brooklyn, which was well patronized.

May 13th. David Wilson Camp No. 59, in connection with its Presentation of Colors, held a reception at the Second Battery Armory in the Bronx, which signalized its rejuvenation as a Camp.

May 14th. Provisional organization was effected of the New York Central Lair of the Military Order of the Serpent at the 22d Regiment Armory, New York City.

May 15th. Wm. M. Hubbell Camp No. 4, provided a pleasant evening of entertainment at its annual stag in Brooklyn.

May 23d. Gloucester Naval Camp No. 5, celebrated its Military Field Mass on the parade ground of the Brooklyn Marine Barracks in the presence of 30,000 persons. Among the 500 Comrades who attended were Department Commander Richard Flynn of Massachusetts, and Chief of Staff Wm. J. Cunningham of Troy.

May 30th. The memorial services of Manhattan Borough Council were held at the Church of our Lady of Good Counsel in New York City. The celebrants were distinguished members of the Order. The occasion was one of solemn significance.

May 30th. Under the auspices of the Bronx Borough Council noteworthy memorial services were held at the Congregational Church of North New York. The ceremony was picturesquely patriotic. In the services participated prominent members of the G. A. R. of this Department.

May 30th. Hudson B. Moore Camp No. 78 conducted memorial services at St. Mary's Church, Newburgh.

May 31st. Under the direction of Joseph S. Decker Camp No. 20, Decoration Day Exercises were arranged at Stapleton, Staten Island, with Hon. George Cromwell, President of Rich-

mond Borough, as Chairman. The ceremony of the scattering of flowers on the waters in memory of the heroic sailors who died at sea was performed by the children of the public schools.

July 3d. Admiral Schley Camp No. 16, will hold its annual outing and games at West End Park, Jamaica, L. I. This function is in commemoration of the naval battle at Santiago and should be attended by all Comrades of Greater New York.

July 3, 4, 5. Under the guidance of New Utrecht Camp No. 77, Independence Day will be celebrated at Bath Beach and Bensonhurst on a magnificent scale. Succeeding a day of oratorical commemoration in traditional form will follow a varied and extensive athletic program, including a marathon race, military relays and other noted features. This Camp's continued enterprise evokes commendation.

August 21st. The Brooklyn Memorial and Executive Committee will conduct its annual picnic and games at Ulmer Park. Spanish War Veterans' Day is an established institution in Kings County and in its varied attractions several thousand people find annual diversion.

XIII.—Comrade C. F. Beller, 892 Jefferson avenue, Brooklyn, reports that he lost his badge, No. 4366, on Memorial Day. Any information concerning same will be appreciated.

Comrade James O'Neil, 39 Orchard street, Cohoes, N. Y., requests all Comrades who served in Company G, 26th U. S. Volunteer Infantry, to communicate with him at the above address.

TAPS.—Comrade Jasper R. Rand, Griffin Engineers Camp No. 31, late Lieutenant, Company E, 1st U. S. Volunteer Engineers, died at Salt Lake City, Utah, March 30, 1909.

Comrade John McShane, William H. Hubbell Camp, No. 4, late Private, Company M, 9th U. S. Infantry, died at New York city, April 12, 1909. A firing party was furnished by the Colonel of Marines at the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

Comrade Edward Finley, Norman W. Crosby Camp No. 37, late Private, Company H, 9th N. Y. Volunteer Infantry, died at New Rochelle March 26, 1909.

Comrade Ezekiel Ficklin, Admiral Philip Camp, No. 18, late

Private, Company B, 10th U. S. Cavalry, died at Elmira, April 23, 1909.

Comrade George L. Wentworth, James M. Jarvis Camp, No. 23, late brevet Major, 8th N. Y. Volunteer Infantry, died at New York city May 6, 1909. The deceased was the father of this Camp and had 40 years of continuous military service to his credit.

Comrade Frank M. Carter, Warren A. Wilson Camp, No. 9, late Private, Company K, 2d N. Y. Volunteer Infantry, died at Glens Falls, May 18, 1909.

The foregoing were interred with full military honors.

The sympathy of these Headquarters is hereby extended to the families of the deceased and to the Comrades of their respective Camps.

By order of

MAURICE SIMMONS,

Official:

Department Commander.

E. W. LARKIN,

Department Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK.

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

NEW YORK, *July 22, 1909.*

General Orders No. 9.

I. Department Encampment.

(1) Headquarters are hereby established for August 1, 2, 3 and 4 at the Hotel Redstone, Oswego, N. Y.

(2) The lists of the names and addresses of Past Commanders, delegates, alternates and visiting friends, thus far filed, indicate the convening of the largest Encampment in the history of the Department. Missing lists must be filed with Past Commander John E. J. Clare, Department Transportation and Encampment Aide, No. 45 East Seventeenth street, New York city. Informa-

tion concerning time, rate and mode of transportation should be requested of him.

(3) Civil Service employees residing in New York city are notified that:

(a) By aldermanic resolution, approved by the Mayor, June 1, leave of absence, with full pay, is granted to municipal employees who are delegates and alternates. The police department at the request of these Headquarters issued a confirmatory order, July 9, and the fire department advises that it has made like provision.

(b) The Collector of the Port of New York writes: "I will be glad to approve such applications;" the Postmaster, that he will "Endeavor to have them excused without pay;" the Secretary of the Navy and the Secretary of War that they have given similar directions.

(4) Among the features added to the program of pleasure at the Encampment will be trips on the U. S. S. Sandoval, under Lieutenant-Commander Walbridge.

(5) No delegation will be seated unless its Camp has filed all semi-annual reports to June 30, 1909, and paid all per capita taxes to December 31, 1909. (See Special Order, No. 4, Nat. Headquarters, and Dept. Order, No. 8.)

(6) Two of the questions that will require serious deliberation at the Encampment are: What shall be our future legislative program? How shall we prevent losses in membership? Recommendations of Comrades, Camps and District Boards should be reduced to the form of resolution.

(7) Camps are urged to submit invitations for place of holding the Encampment of 1910.

(8) The Commander-in-Chief, Comrade Charles W. Newton, will address the Encampment and greet its members individually.

(10) A special train of cars on the N. Y. C. and H. R. R. R. will leave the Grand Central station, New York city, Sunday, August 1, at 8:30 A. M. Chartered for the accommodation of Comrades, members of the ladies' auxiliaries and friends, it will be provided with all conveniences, and will make the trip from New York city to Oswego in two hours' less time than by any other line.

Schedule: Leave New York 8:30 A. M., Yonkers 9:30 A. M., Tarrytown 9:47 A. M., Peekskill 10:12 A. M., Fishkill 10:39 A. M., Poughkeepsie 11:05 A. M., Hudson 12:05 M., arrive Albany 12:55 P. M., leave Albany 12:58 P. M., Schenectady 1:28 P. M., Utica 3:10 P. M., Syracuse 4:25 P. M., arrive Oswego 5:55 P. M.

It is the duty of each Comrade along this route to travel on this train, in order to insure for the Department favorable railroad concessions in the future. The uniform should be worn.

Hotels and boarding houses: Hotel Redstone, American plan, \$2 per day and upwards; Franklyn Hotel, American plan, \$2 per day and upwards; Adams Hotel, American plan, \$1 per day and upwards; Hamilton House, \$1.50 per day and upwards; the Nancey, European plan, \$1 to \$3 per day; Metropolitan Hotel, European plan, \$1 per day and upwards; the State Normal School Boarding House will also be available at moderate rates. Communicate for hotel reservations, etc., with Comrade Torrey A. Ball, Oswego, N. Y.

II. *Past Department Commanders.*—From the published Department Roster there were erroneously omitted the names of the following Past Department Commanders: Col. Horatio C. Stackpole, Gen. James H. Lloyd, and Col. Nathaniel T. Thurston.

Camp Commanders are hereby directed to supplement said rosters accordingly.

III. *New Camps.*—The application for charter of Maj.-Gen. George F. Elliott Camp No. 84, located near the Brooklyn Marine Barracks, was approved by these Headquarters, July 12, 1909. The Camp consists of former and present members of the Marine Corps. The honor for its formation is due Comrade William Macauley, President of the Brooklyn Memorial and Executive Committee, and Commander John Fitzgerald, Gloucester Naval Camp No. 5.

West Point Camp No. 85, was mustered in July 17th by Chief Mustering Officer, William S. Halliday, aided by Department Adjutant Ernest W. Larkin. The picturesque ceremony of the installation of officers was conducted by Past Commander-in-Chief Thomas F. Lynch, as Installing Officer, and Comrade William Macauley, as Master of Ceremonies. Its members, all in the United States Military Service, are Comrades of a high soldierly

type, most of whom have long service to their credit, frequently punctuated by participation in Indian warfare.

The application of Col. John J. Butler Camp No. 86, was approved by these Headquarters July 20th, with a roster honored by the names of prominent Comrades in Syracuse. By its organization, National Aide Leo A. Thelen of Rochester, again demonstrates his unique efficiency and earnest identification with the progress of the Department.

The necessity for the official termination of the affairs of the present Departmental and National Administrations leaves incomplete the preparations to form Camps at Mechanicsville, West Point (colored), Gloversville, Fort Slocum, Geneva, among the Rough Riders, Troop A, Troop C, the veteran crew of the U. S. S. Yankee, and the New York police and fire departments.

IV. *Council of Administration.*—A formal session was held at Headquarters June 26th. Among those present were Past Commander-in-Chief Thomas F. Lynch, National Aides William H. Johnson, Albert J. Kennedy and William D. Tucker, the following Department officers, viz., the Commander, Adjutant Ernest W. Larkin, Quartermaster Thomas J. Quinn, Judge Advocate W. Martin Watson and Marshal Terence J. O'Donnell, members of Council of Administration John S. Adair, Peter E. Bartnett and William S. Styles, President William Macauley, Commanders Patrick F. Harney, William H. Holmes, Charles Bormann, Edward W. O'Brien and George J. Sawyer, Past Commanders Jesse F. Ford and Morris J. Mendelsohn and Adjutant Ralph H. Parker. Comrades Adair and Parker were respectively elected as Chairman and Secretary of the meeting. The following were considered:

(a) The books of the Quartermaster were audited and approved.

(b) It was recommended that each of the Memorial and Executive Committees of the five boroughs of New York City retain its separate identity and that article VIII, section 14, of the Department Rules and Regulations, be amended so that a Joint Finance Committee be established to receive and disburse the Memorial Day appropriations of the City of New York.

(c) It was urged that Camp Commanders within thirty days after election forward to Headquarters the names and addresses of the Commander, Adjutant, Quartermaster, and time and place of meeting.

(d) It was recommended that the charters of Camps Nos. 41, 50, 54 and 55 be revoked. (Par. VI.)

(e) A semi-annual per capita tax of twelve and one-half cents for the term ending December 1, 1909, due and payable July 1, 1909, was levied.

(f) A special committee to report to the Encampment on the question of preventing losses in membership was appointed, viz., Past Commander John S. Adair, Chairman; Past Commander Peter E. Bartnett, Commanders E. W. O'Brien, Charles Bormann, Jesse F. Ford and Adjutant Ralph H. Parker.

(g) The proposed establishment of Camps at the Brooklyn Marine Barracks, West Point and Syracuse was approved.

(h) Resolutions were adopted commendatory of "the high plane of efficiency attained by the National Administration," and expressing gratitude for the magnificent leadership of Commander-in-Chief Charles W. Newton.

(i) The report of the Department Adjutant, based on semi-annual reports and his office records, showed:

Gain in Camps, administration 1905-1906: Gustav Kolb, No. 64; Admiral McCalla, No. 65; George H. Tilly, No. 66; total, 3. Gain in recruits, 293.

Gain in Camps, administration 1906-7: John V. Searles, No. 67; Newell Rising, No. 68; Admiral Cook, No. 69; Gen. Joseph Wheeler, No. 70; Hudson, No. 71; Tully, No. 72; total, 6. Gain in recruits, 157.

Gain in Camps, present administration 1908-1909: Thomas H. Barry, No. 73; David J. Johnston, No. 74; Colonial, No. 75; Gen. Theo. Wint, No. 76; New Utrecht, No. 77; Hudson B. Moore, No. 78; Thos. H. Fitzgerald, No. 79; Malcolm A. Rafferty, No. 80; Sergt. Chas. Smith, No. 81; Admiral Jos. B. Coghlan, No. 82; Lockport, No. 83. Proposed: Maj.-Gen. George F. Elliott, No. 84; West Point, No. 85; Col. John H. Butler, No. 86; total, 14. Gain in recruits, 1,189.

The recapitulation of the Quartermaster was as follows:

Administration 1907-1908.

1. Received from its predecessor a net surplus of.	\$576 68
2. Receipts (includes item 1).....	2,461 89
3. Expenditures	2,175 73
4. Maintenance of Adjutant's Bureau.....	201 70
5. Maintenance of Quartermaster's Bureau.....	46 27
6. Rent	480 00
7. Telephone	73 95
8. Expended for Camp supplies.....	191 78
9. Received for Camp supplies.....	267 37
10. Supplies on hand at end of administration...	60
11. Stationery	44 50
12. Printing	109 75

Administration 1908-1909 (To June 26, 1909).

1. Charged with a net deficit of its predecessor after paying past debts and deducting per capita tax	\$5 87
2. Receipts	1,346 43
3. Expenditures	1,240 63
4. Same	135 00
5. Same	25 13
6. Rent	Donated
7. Telephone	Donated
8. Same	557 40
9. Same	649 74
10. Supplies on hand June 26, 1909.....	93 90
11. Stationery	23 75
12. Printing	414 25

The increased expenditure for printing (item 12) is due to the policy of this administration of publishing general orders for issuance to each Comrade in the Department.

Substantial additions have been made to furniture and equipment of bureaus of present administration (item 3).

V. *Camp Name*.—By Special Order of National Headquarters, the name of James M. Jarvis Camp No. 23, has been changed to that of New York City Camp.

VI. *Charters Revoked*.—The charters of the following Camps have, on the recommendation of the Department Commander, been revoked by National Headquarters: Brusco-Chauncey Camp No. 41; Medina Camp No. 50; Francis V. Greene Camp No. 54, and Tracey Camp No. 55.

Three of the six Camps in or near Buffalo and the Camp at Whitehall are thus stricken from our roster. This step has been the subject of frequent recommendation by special investigators and predecessors of the Department Commander. No radical action was, however, taken. The condition of these Camps was made the field of recent special inquiry in the examination made into the affairs of the chain of Camps in the Department. Long extinct and with a paper existence alone, they merit no position on our muster rolls. Other decadent Camps, however, have been revived in honor.

VII. *G. A. R.*—The recent Department Encampment of the G. A. R. of New York at Binghamton gave expression to fraternal sentiments for our Order, as evidenced in a recent General Order. No opportunity should go unheeded to extend to our older Comrades the hand of reverent fellowship and to lessen the rigors of their undertakings. The Memorial Day parade in New York City exemplified this spirit. The tattered flags of the G. A. R. Posts were borne aloft by the vigorous arms of Comrades of the U. S. W. V. In appreciation of this yeoman service, Assistant Adjutant-General Joseph W. Ellis, writes Headquarters in part: "They did their duty nobly. We old fellows feel proud that we have such friends as you are to help us in our declining years."

VIII. *Miscellaneous Functions*.—July 15. Gen. Eugene Griffin Camp No. 11, conducted a lawn party and reception at the home of Commander Garrett V. Johnson, Department Medical Director, in Schenectady. This initiates a series of social diversions in the routine of the Camp.

August 7. M. D. Russell Camp No. 2, will hold a Field Day

and Fireworks Exhibition at Rennselaer Park, Troy. This Camp is characterized by fertility of resource and constant enterprise.

August 21. The Brooklyn Memorial and Executive Committee will hold its annual picnic and games at Ulmer Park, Brooklyn. "Spanish War Veterans' Day" is the event of the year for our Comrades in Kings county.

Taps.

March 12. Comrade H. B. Osgood, Old Guard Camp No. 19, late Brigadier-General, U. S. A., retired, died at Stephentown, N. Y. He was noted as an Indian fighter. His grace of manner and democratic spirit endeared him to his Comrades.

June 12. Comrade Alexander F. Taylor, Capt. Frank Rockwell Palmer Camp No. 28, died at Albany, N. Y.

June 20. Comrade William J. Reilly, Manhattan Camp No. 11, late private, Co. H, 12th N. Y. Vols., died at New York City.

June 29. Shipmate Archibald B. Corson, Warren A. Wilson Camp No. 9, late seaman, U. S. S. Hartford, died at Sandy Hill, N. Y.

July 5. Comrade Louis J. Edling, William H. Hubbell Camp No. 4, late corporal, 3d U. S. Signal Corps, died at Jamaica Bay, New York, while heroically attempting to effect a rescue of drowning persons.

The foregoing Comrades were interred with full military honors.

The sympathy of these Headquarters and of the Comrades throughout this Department is hereby extended to the families of the deceased and to the members of their respective Camps.

By order of

MAURICE SIMMONS.

Official:

Department Commander.

ERNEST W. LARKIN,

Department Adjutant.

TABLE OF SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS RENDERED BY CAMPS FOR THE TERMS ENDING
JUNE 30, 1905 TO JUNE 30, 1909.

Camp No.	TERM ENDING.								
	June 30-05	Dec. 31-05	June 30-06	Dec. 31-06	June 30-07	Dec. 31-07	June 30-08	Dec. 31-08	June 30-09
1.....	276	260	260	288	327	303	343	326	334
2.....	62	62	62	79	104	104	104	104	104
3.....	42	42	42	42	42	42	40	40	40
4.....	352	187	187	208	221	244	268	248	233
5.....	118	118	126	109	102	102	110	114	76
6.....	50	50	50	50	50	50	20	20	20
7.....	52	52	52	74	74	75	73	71	74
8.....	21	21	21	26	26	26	25	28	31
9.....	47	47	46	46	46	46	41	43	43
10.....	86	60	60	78	102	80	126	100	130
11.....	77	75	75	59	59	55	61	64	73
12 }	77	77	77	77	77	77	77	77	77
13 }	77	77	71	80	77	77	215	221	221
14.....	76	76	80	76	78	64	71	71	71
15.....	30	20	20	20	24	28	28	26	30
16.....	108	108	116	110	95	96	96	98	124
17.....	28	28	28	28	35	43	43	34	34
18.....	72	72	75	52	54	46	46	40	42
19.....	110	110	124	155	168	168	173	173	173
20.....	31	30	30	30	30	30	46	63	63
21.....	110	125	125	60	60	41	50	51	62
22.....	40	51	52	42	30	30	28	27	29
23.....	75	75	75	88	89	61	50	52	41
24.....	42	42	53	53	51	46	51	56	56
25.....	361	361	230	302	302	348	351	313	313
26.....	50	52	52	48	50	52	52	59	78
27.....	37	49	49	36	36	36	36	36	26
28.....	105	105	105	93	86	90	100	100	106
29.....	31	31	25	22	22	22	22	22	22
30.....	147	147	86	57	57	57	72	71	77
31.....	51	48	48	48	50	34	34	40	40
32.....	36	33	38	32	30	38	30	30	30
33.....	68	68	68	68	62	62	65	45	30
34.....	55	74	74	55	39	39	33	33	33
35.....	40	40	40	40	39	39	39	39	39
36.....	39	53	53	79	87	90	94	98	98
37.....	27	27	27	27	27	27	28	28	28
38.....	84	78	78	83	84	76	90	101	127
39.....	45	56	56	51	51	53	44	46	51
40.....	24	38	38	50	43	50	50	40	42
41.....	Charter revoked.								
42.....	37	39	39	42	50	50	54	42	48
43.....	47	47	50	57	68	73	87	88	88
44.....	67	79	79	86	96	102	87	88	82

Camp No.	TERM ENDING.								
	June 30-05	Dec. 31-05	June 30-06	Dec. 31-06	June 30-07	Dec. 31-07	June 30-08	Dec. 31-08	June 30-09
45.....	57	57	57	60	65	74	74	74	70
46.....	57	57	57	68	78	78	82	62	76
47.....	23	23	23	23	23	23	16	16	16
48.....	17	17	17	19	23	26	26	27	29
49.....	18	18	33	44	59	65	67	69	83
50.....	Charter revoked.								
51.....	30	30	22	25	19	19	17	17	16
52.....	34	34	33	35	38	37	35	35	35
53.....	....	50	48	63	63	63	68	68	68
54.....	Charter revoked.								
55.....	Charter revoked.								
56.....	....	....	24	24	24	24	24	24	24
57.....	....	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
58.....	....	....	46	46	30	41	48	32	32
59.....	....	....	13	13	10	10	10	10	43
60.....	....	....	36	37	44	46	38	38	37
61.....	....	....	14	18	18	18	18	20	20
62.....	....	....	22	44	54	41	....	64	67
63.....	....	27	27	30	37	37	38	38	38
64.....	Arrangements being made for payment per capita tax on ten members and surrender of charter.								
65.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	47	44	44
66.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	35	43	37
67.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	19	19	20
68.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	25	25	26
69.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	31	31
70.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	15	15
71.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	30	30
72.....	No report ever received from this camp.								
73.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	41	54
74.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	20
75.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	20
76.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	40
77.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	27	27
78.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	40
79.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	22
80.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	44
81.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	75
82.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	18
83.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	11
	3, 645	3, 709	3, 655	3, 866	3, 916	3, 885	4, 292	4, 070	4, 750

The above figures are taken from the semi-annual reports on file at Department Headquarters. Where no reports were filed the number shown in last report is given.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE DEPARTMENT TAKEN FROM REPORT OF DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR.

Camp No.	Number of Comrades.		Camp No.	Number of Comrades.	
	On Roster.	In good Standing.		On Roster.	In Good Standing.
1.....	349	331	43.....	88	88
2.....	156	96	44.....	88	88
3.....			45.....	77	70
4.....	259	259	46.....	90	68
5.....	160	120	47.....		
6.....	24	24	48.....	28	28
7.....	71	71	49.....	79	73
8.....	30	30	50.....		
9.....	43	43	51.....	25	17
10.....	143	105	52.....	35	33
11.....	69	66	53.....		
12.....	229	229	54.....		
13.....			55.....		
14.....	80	73	56.....		
15.....	28	26	57.....		
16.....	220	102	58.....	32	32
17.....	34	34	59.....	37	32
18.....	46	42	60.....	32	37
19.....	182	171	61.....	21	21
20.....	85	85	62.....	76	76
21.....	51	51	63.....		
22.....	27	27	64.....		
23.....	54	54	65.....	62	48
24.....	63	61	66.....	55	37
25.....	366	318	67.....		
26.....	83	67	68.....	24	24
27.....	37	37	69.....	31	31
28.....	105	105	70.....		
29.....			71.....	28	28
30.....	72	60	72.....		
31.....	250	41	73.....	48	48
32.....			74.....	49	49
33.....	68	45	75.....	31	28
34.....	65	41	76.....		
35.....	40	31	77.....	27	20
36.....	98	98	78.....	71	71
37.....			79.....	25	25
38.....	112	90	80.....		
39.....	59	52	81.....		
40.....			82.....		
41.....			83.....	14	
42.....			84.....		

4,938 4,157

NOTE.—Twenty-five Camps not reported.

MONEY RECEIVED BY DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT FOR TAX, SUPPLIES, ETC.

1908.				
Month.	Nat'l tax.	Dept. tax.	Supplies	Total.
August	\$3 50	\$3 50	.....	\$7 00
October	8 88	59 00	\$65 65	133 53
November . . . . .	.....	.....	21 05	21 05
December . . . . .	.....	.....	12 85	12 85
1909.				
January	57 42	91 79	60	149 81
February	74 06	122 54	44 35	240 85
March	9 99	65 37	64 80	140 16
April	19 38	27 00	121 20	167 58
May . . . . .	.....	7 62	18 45	26 07
June	30 50	62 50	10 95	103 95
July	187 32	458 42	125 10	770 84
				\$1,773 69

Respectfully Submitted,
 ERNEST W. LARKIN,
Department Adjutant.

COMRADE LAKESTREAM:

I move that the report of the Department Adjutant be approved and spread upon the minutes of this Encampment.

COMRADE DREIS:

I rise to second the motion of the Department Inspector. I cannot let this opportunity go by without saying that I think the Department Adjutant is worthy of a great deal of commendation for his work. (Carried.)

The committee appointed to greet the Ladies' Auxiliaries reported that it had been received by the Ladies' Auxiliaries, who were then in meeting, and each of the members of the committee conveyed to them the greetings of this Encampment, to which responses were made.

COMRADE HART:

I move that the report of the committee be accepted and the committee discharged with thanks.

COMRADE ASHMAN:

I second the motion. (Carried.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

There are two prizes to be given to the Camps showing the greatest increase in membership, that is, increases above losses. One of the prizes is \$100, donated by National Aide W. D. Tucker (applause); the other prize is a magnificent masterpiece in water colors, which covers a military subject, the handicraft of Past Commander Bernhardt Wall, of Manhattan Camp No. 1 (applause). I will appoint as a committee on prizes: Comrades Herbert Morgan, of Auburn; Ralph Parker, New York; William H. Johnson, Brooklyn; Howe, of Poughkeepsie, and C. A. Simmons, of Rochester, the last named to be chairman.

COMRADE MENDELSON:

May I suggest that, in view of the fact that there are probably several Camps which have an idea that they have a look-in for these prizes, that only such men be appointed on the committee, as do not share in the expectation of participating in the distribution of the prizes.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

As I understand it, that is a suggestion. I appreciate the suggestion, but will let the committee as announced stand. The Department Quartermaster will meet the committee and will have with him the reports of the several Camps. The Commanders or delegates of Camps claiming prizes for their Camps will appear before the committee when this session adjourns.

COMRADE C. A. SIMMONS:

When the morning session adjourns I think that there should be no question about the facts in the case. As I understand it a certain prize or prizes have been offered; the Camp that presents the largest percentage of increase gets the prize; there is nothing left for the committee to do but to award the prizes, and I will ask the donors of both of them to appear before the committee in order to have the terms under which they offer the prizes ex-

plained thoroughly so that there may be no dispute, and in the final analysis the semi-annual reports will be the guide.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

We will now listen to the report of the Department Quartermaster:

Report of Department Quartermaster.

OSWEGO, N. Y., August 2, 1909.

To the Officers and Delegates to the Sixth Annual Encampment of the Department of New York, U. S. W. V.:

COMRADES.—In accordance with the rules and regulations of the United Spanish War Veterans, I have the honor to submit herewith my report as Department Quartermaster, of the receipts and expenditures, covering the period from August 22, 1908, to August 2, 1909.

Received from Past Department Quartermaster Budde	\$294 12
Received from all sources during term	2,796 21
	\$3,090 33
Expenditures for all purposes	2,445 17
Balance on hand	\$645 16

Department Property.

1 silk American flag, staff and eagle	\$125 00
1 Department flag, staff and eagle	125 00
1 typewriter	40 00
1 typewriter	35 00
1 typewriter	35 00
1 typewriter	30 00
1 filing cabinet	31 00
1 mimeograph	30 00
1 Department seal	5 00
2 maps	3 00
Rubber stamps	1 50
1 electrotype	50
	\$461 00

Business transacted with the Adjutant-General during the term amounted to \$963.19. Of this sum \$624.15 was expended for supplies, while \$319.04 was remitted through this office as National per capita tax.

Received for supplies	\$830 49	
Profit on supplies		\$206 34
Value of supplies on hand.....		60 40
Total profit on supplies.....		\$266 74

In response to the Department Commander's appeal for funds, thirteen Camps to date have donated the following amounts:

Manhattan No. 1	\$15 00
Hamilton Fish No. 46.....	10 00
Sergeant Smith No. 81	11 50
Guy V. Henry No. 38.....	10 00
Admiral Cook No. 69.....	10 00
Gloucester No. 5	10 00
Lawton No. 21	5 00
Saratoga No. 58	5 00
David Wilson No. 59	5 00
George H. Tilly No. 66.....	5 00
Eugene Griffin No. 11.....	5 00
W. R. Carmer No. 8.....	5 00
Fitzgerald No. 79	2 00
Old Guard No. 19.....	5 00
Total	\$103 50

The books of this office have been audited by a committee of the Council of Administration on December 24, 1908, and June 24, 1909, and as a very pleasing termination of my duties I again have the honor to submit them with itemized schedules, together with all vouchers covering payments, etc., for the final inspection and approval.

That the balance due does not prove larger than it is, is due to the exceptional expenditures the Department had from time to

time to meet, among which number the following were the most conspicuous:

Printing	\$524 25
Office equipment	102 20
Legislation	149 79
Funeral Past Commander Joseph B. Coghlan	57 69
Total	\$833 93

Your next Department Adjutant and Quartermaster may not be so conveniently located as the present ones, so the recommendation is made that in order to secure greater expediency and more satisfactory results, that checks for per capita tax be made payable to the Department Quartermaster.

Without having anything else to do than work for a living your present Quartermaster has found it difficult at times to see the Department Adjutant, at times more than a week elapsing between meetings, so you will appreciate how difficult it will prove for my successor in office, who may be more busily employed than I have been.

In the interest of accuracy and well as expediency, the recommendation is respectfully made that both the Department Adjutant and Quartermaster be allowed sufficient time to button on a collar before racing for a train to attend the next Department Encampment. It surely is not too much to request that the reports be in the possession of the Adjutant at least fifteen days before the opening of the Encampment.

In conclusion I want to thank the Department Commander for the courtesy he paid me in appointing me as Quartermaster, and especially so for the opportunity to get acquainted with the Comrades, the recollection of the many pleasant moments I spent with some and the very cordial business relations with all, makes me almost regret that my duties are nearing an end, despite the knowledge that freedom is at hand.

I want to thank the Comrades for their unvarying courtesy and consideration at all times extended to your humble servant. I especially want to thank our respected Adjutant-General and

his worthy assistants for the kind consideration and assistance at all times and occasions shown me, under circumstances that were at times at least a trifle provoking. I am confident in the belief that the courtesy extended to the Department of New York by the office of the Adjutant-General proves the rule and not the exception, and that other retiring Quartermasters in the organization will pay them the deserving compliment, which I am unable to express even in inadequate terms.

With these recollections associated with the year now closed and which will be guarded with my most cherished possessions, I have the honor to submit my report as your Quartermaster.

Fraternally,

THOMAS J. QUINN,

Department Quartermaster.

COMRADE WEIL:

I move that the report of the Department Quartermaster be spread upon the minutes of this Encampment.

COMRADE SWARTWOOD:

I second the motion. (Carried.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I will appoint as the Committee on State of the Organization Comrades James F. Court, New York; Edward E. Swartwood, West Point; Bernhardt Wall, New York; Robert Flinch, Brooklyn. To this committee will be referred very important resolutions. If you desire to support any resolution, kindly appear before that committee.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

We will now have the report of the Department Inspector.

Report of the Department Inspector.

COMRADES.—I have the honor to submit herewith my annual report as Department Inspector. In accepting this office at the last Encampment I said "I do, with a full knowledge of the responsibilities of the position." In my term I have done the very

best that I was capable of; and if I have kept my word to those of you who have elected me, you must be the judges. At the outset, my thanks are due and they are hereby expressed to all officers and Comrades of this Department, who, by their suggestions or aid have made my duties as agreeable as possible, and have facilitated inspections in the Camps I have visited. I am especially indebted to Department Headquarters for the prompt response to my requests for Assistant Inspectors, and for the personnel of such selections. It is the opinion of your Inspector that no more loyal or efficient Comrades can be found in the Organization.

Up to date fifty-eight Camps have been inspected, the inspections being divided as follows:

Comrade A. W. A. Giersberg, Saratoga Camp No. 58, Camps 5 and 58, total 2; Comrade C. A. Olivier, M. D. Russell Camp No. 2, Camps 2, 6, 11, 28, 74, total 5; Comrade H. P. Hamlin, F. C. Warner Camp No. 52, Camps 33, 35, 51, 52, total 4; Comrade F. Gorst, Cook Camp No. 69, Camp 69, total 1; Comrade G. B. Waterman, Sague Camp No. 44, Camps 71, 75, 78, total 3; Comrade A. L. Beckhardt, D. Wilson Camp No. 59, Camp 23, total 1; Comrade J. H. Grant, Seyburn-Liscum Camp No. 12, Camps 7, 12, 15, 17, total 4; Comrade L. A. Thelan, L. B. Smith Camp No. 25, Camps 25, 26, 39, total 3; Comrade S. H. Thorne, Capron Camp No. 60, Camp 45, total 1; Comrade P. A. Butts, Porter Camp No. 45, Camp 60, total 1; Comrade E. C. Keithley, Schley Camp No. 16, Camp 77, total 1; Comrade F. D. Lakestream, D. Wilson Camp No. 59, Camps 1, 4, 5, 8, 10, 14, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 27, 30, 31, 34, 36, 38, 43, 44, 46, 48, 49, 59, 61, 62, 65, 66, 68, 73, 79, total 32.

Taken as an entity, the Department has shown unequalled activity, and the recruiting has been exceptional. There are, however, minor points to be considered, either meritorious or worthy of correction, and I briefly enumerate them, hoping the good points will be generally adopted, the others overcome.

First, there is or seems to be a disposition on the part of some Camp officers to consider an election to office an honor which carries with it no responsibilities. No attempt whatever is made to memorize their part of the ritual; and there is nothing so unim-

pressive and unmilitary as the delivery of any part of the ritualistic work from a book. In some Camps even the ritualistic obligation is read, and this practice cannot be too severely condemned. If the officer has not the time or ability to memorize the few lines of the ritual which fall to his share, he should resign his office, and let some Comrade who will properly perform the duties thereof succeed him.

Of the fifty-eight Camps inspected, the answer to question 2, "Have the officers memorized their ritual?" is as follows: "Yes," 23; "partly," 19; "fair," 2; "no," 14. The Camps reporting "No" are: Niagara Falls, 7; Buckey O'Neil, 15; Hughes, 17; Capron, 22; Griffin Engineers, 31; H. J. Reilly, 34; O. Ross Wheeler, 35; Randolph, 27; Porter, 45; Vrooman, 51; Kruse, 61; McCalla, 65; Newell Rising, 68; Fitzgerald, 79. It may be that this is in part due to the fact that inspections were made shortly after the annual installation of officers. But it seems to me that, one month or more elapsing between election and installation, no reasonable excuse can be offered for the non-memorizing of the ritual. It is recommended that the Inspector elected by this Encampment make as many inspections as is possible before the end of the present year to observe what progress has been made along this particular line.

Question 6.—"Is bond of Quartermaster duly filed, and are financial matters promptly attended to?" The following Camps answered "No": Sanford, 6; O'Neil, 15; Hughes, 17; Hubbell, 24; Randolph, 27; Griffin Engineers, 31; Wheeler, 35; Reilly, 34; Sampson, 48; McCalla, 65; Saratoga, 58; Rising, 68; Johnson, 74; Colonial, 75; New Utrecht, 77; Fitzgerald, 79. The absence of a large balance in the Camp treasuries is apparently the cause of Camp Commanders ignoring the Rules and Regulations relating to bonding their quartermasters. It is recommended that this matter be treated by the incoming administration in a General Order, and that Camp Commanders be directed to report within thirty days from the receipt of said General Order whether or not the Quartermaster has been bonded.

Question 7.—"Are Camp funds kept in bank?" The following twelve camps answer "No": Gloucester, 5; Decker, 20; Hubbell, 24; Griffin Engineers, 31; Defendarn, 36; Lawton, 39; Sampson,

48; McKinley, 62; Barry, 73; Colonel, 75; New Utrecht, 77; Moore, 78. There is only one way to account for this. The amount of cash on hand is not large enough to warrant the opening of a bank account. But no matter how small the balance is it seems that the moneys might be deposited in a savings bank.

Question 10.—“Does Camp receive financial aid from city or town for Memorial Day observances?” Some Camps answer “No.” This is apparently a matter for headquarters to take up with the various city authorities.

Excepting those Camps not organized at the time, but one Camp reports non-participation, as a Camp, in Memorial Day observances. This is due to the fact that its membership is scattered, not enough residing in the city to form a squad. This demonstrates that Camps in this Department generally observe the day.

Question 13.—“Attendance at meetings.” Dependent upon the size of Camp and its location, and the enthusiasm of its officers is the attendance at meetings of officers and Comrades. On the whole it has been a commendable showing, and is evidence that the proper spirit is alive in the organization. Defendam Camp, with a membership of 98, had but 13 present, and your Inspector had to wait for about two hours for a quorum so that the Camp could conduct its business, and he observe the manner of doing it. This is probably accounted for by the fact that many members of the Camp are also in the 22d Regiment, and after attending to the duties required by the latter organization, are not inclined to give a great deal of time to the Camp. The following Camps are commended for good attendance at inspections: Sanford, 6; Seyburn-Liscum, 12; O’Neil, 15; Phillips, 18; Lawton, 21; Smith, 25; Anderson, 26; Sague, 44; Fish, 46; Sampson, 48; Naval, 49; Vrooman, 51; Warner, 52; Saratoga, 58; Wilson, 59; Kruse, 61; Tilly, 66; Cook, 69; Hudson, 71; Colonial, 75; New Utrecht, 77.

Question 14.—“Uniforms.” Many Comrades have uniforms. The Department is especially fortunate in this matter. But there seems to be a disinclination to wear them at meetings. The number of Comrades attending inspections in uniforms at the following Camps is worthy of note: Manhattan, 1; Hubbell, 4; Niagara Falls, 7; Roosevelt, 10; 14th Regiment, 14; Old Guard, 19; Lawton, 21;

L. B. Smith, 25; Sague, 44; Sampson, 48; Naval, 49; Wilson, 59; Barry, 73.

Question 15.—“Initiations.” The inspections were made so early after the new year began that it has been difficult to give exact figures as to recruiting activities. The following Camps showed substantial gains at the time of inspection: Manhattan, 1; Hubbell, 4; Gloucester, 5; Roosevelt, 10; Griffin, 11; Seyburn-Liscum, 12; Schley, 16; Old Guard, 19; Decker, 20; Capron, 22; N. Y. City (formerly Jarvis), 23; Hubbell, 24; Smith, 25; Anderson, 26; Reilly, 34; Henry, 38; Lawton, 39; Palmer, 28; Fish, 46; Naval, 49; Wilson, 59; McKinley, 62; Tilly, 66; Hudson, 71; Barry, 73; Johnson, 74; Colonial, 75; Moore, 78; New Utrecht, 77; Fitzgerald, 79.

Question 16.—“Number of Comrades dropped.” The figures in answer to this question show that Comrades now remain in the organization. Inspection reveals but 80 Comrades dropped in 58 Camps.

The reports also show that but three Camps, Russell, 2, Randolph, 27, and Johnson, 74, had not paid per capita tax for the term ending June 30th. It is presumed that these arrearages are now paid.

The absence of printed by-laws in a number of Camps does not, in the opinion of your Inspector, affect the growth or prosperity of the Camps. They are nice to have, and are absolutely necessary in some Camps, but “those bodies are best governed which are least governed,” and it would seem that the Rules and Regulations are sufficiently broad and elastic for the government of any Camp, without special by-laws. It is recommended, however, that those Camps which have no seal, as disclosed by inspection, be directed to secure one without delay.

But one Camp is reported wherein Rules and Regulations are not complied with in addressing officers and Comrades. From a recent change in this Camp it is believed that great good will result and better discipline will be maintained.

Of the Camps inspected but four report liabilities, the aggregate being \$58.65.

The balances in the treasuries of the several Camps are worthy of remark. The following Camps show noticeable financial

strength: Manhattan, \$1,171.67; Roosevelt, 10, \$1,142.14; Naval, 49, \$597.47; Schley, 16, \$307.74; Henry, 38, \$223.97; Hubbell, 4, \$214.92; Capron, 22, \$173.40; Fish, 46, \$165.35; N. Y. City, 23, \$156.23; McCalla, 65, \$144.79. The balances in other Camps run down as low as \$4.75.

This covers the details of inspections as called for by the inspection report blanks. But your Inspector has not, however, confined himself simply to the questions on the blank, but has carefully examined into the working of all Camps visited and has found several noteworthy features.

Manhattan 1.—Bookkeeping excellent, and system in use for the payment of bills exceptional. The general adoption of this system would be of value to all Camps; but it is not recommended at this time on account of the expense involved. Manhattan Camp needs no praise. Its size and financial strength demonstrates its loyalty and worth.

M. D. Russell 2.—Comrade Olivier speaks very highly of the sick benefit fund existing in this Camp. General condition very good.

Hubbell 4.—The muster-in ceremonies are impressively conducted, and speak well for the officers. A spirit of frivolity seems to pervade the business of the Camp at times, but the Camp is a valuable asset to the Department. General condition, excellent.

Sanford 6.—Has twenty-four members; twenty-one of whom attended inspection. \$118.62 in treasury. In a good City (Amsterdam), and continues to grow nicely. General condition, good. Inspected by Comrade Oliver.

Niagara Falls 7.—Inspected March 8th by Comrade Grant. Finds the officers without rank straps. General condition, good.

Carmer 8.—Meets in G. A. R. Hall. Room artistic. Has thirty members. Very active in memorial services. The auxiliary attached to this Camp helps it wonderfully. General condition, good.

W. A. Wilson 9, Glen Falls.—Comrade Geiersberg reports Camp in good condition, with a fair recruiting field.

Roosevelt 10.—Second in financial strength in the Department. Seventh in number of members in good standing. All officers

know their ritual letter perfect. Very military in conducting its business. Excellent in all details.

Griffin 11.—Comrade Olivier reports that the ritualistic work of its officers merits commendation, and says of the Camp's general condition, excellent.

Seyburn-Liscum 12, Buffalo.—Inspected February 1st by Comrade Grant. Property valued at \$600. Comrade Grant reports: "Too cold for meeting. Weather conditions considered, the attendance at the meeting was creditable. A goodly number of uniforms in the Camp, which is the largest in western New York. The hall is an inspiration for patriotic thoughts, it being used jointly by the G. A. R. and other military bodies. Has a membership of 229, all in good standing. Property valued at \$600. Camp is active and progressing. General condition, excellent."

14th Regiment 14.—A Camp in which much interest is taken by all Comrades in matters under discussion. A slight disregard of regulations in saluting the commander when addressing him, or upon entry or exit. Was called to the Camp's attention by your Inspector and was immediately corrected. Quartermaster uses a duplicate card and punch system of accounting. General condition, very good.

Buckey O'Neil 15, Buffalo.—Inspected by Comrade Grant on February 2d. Membership twenty-eight. Prospects bright. General condition, good.

Schley 16.—This Camp is now reorganizing, separating the "wheat from the chaff," as it were. It gives signs of healthy future growth. Notifies Comrade by printed card of appointment on investigating committees and thus secures a reliable report. General condition, good.

R. P. Hughes 17, Buffalo.—Inspected on February 16th by Comrade Grant. Membership, 34, with a balance in treasury of \$95.10. General condition, good.

Admiral Phillip 18.—A good, loyal Camp of forty-six Comrades. Ritualistic work well rendered. General condition, good.

Old Guard 19.—Fifth in the Department in membership. Ritualistic work delivered in a creditable manner. General condition, excellent.

Joseph S. Decker 20, Staten Island.— Eighty-five Comrades, a large percentage from nearby forts. General condition, very good.

Lawton 21.— Has a good descriptive book; officers thoroughly alive. The Camp is composed of hustlers. Has property valued at \$550. Flags are draped on each officer's station. General condition, excellent.

Capron 22.— Has a membership of twenty-seven, with \$173.40 in bank; property valued at \$250. General condition, very good.

New York City (formerly Jarvis) 23.— This Camp will doubtless do good work in the future, having been recently reorganized. Has fifty-four members. \$156.23 in treasury. General condition, good. Inspected by Comrade Beckhardt.

Hubbell 24.— A Camp of sixty-three members, making good progress. Not many uniforms here, most Comrades attending assemblies in service uniforms. General condition, good.

L. Boardman Smith 25, Rochester.— Inspected February 1st by Comrade Thelan. Has a membership of 366, 318 in good standing. Ninety-three present at inspection. Property valued at \$862, which includes the value of a burial plot. Comrade Thelan says of this Camp, "excellent."

R. C. Anderson 26, Oswego.— Inspected by Comrade Thelan. He reports the Camp as excellent. Inasmuch as Anderson Camp is the host of this Encampment he dare hardly report otherwise.

W. F. Randolph 27, Yonkers.— This Camp has an excellent field in which to work, but is handicapped by the dominance of one of its Past Commanders, of whom the Comrades seem afraid. The Camp charges a muster fee of \$5, the highest in the Department, and it is safe to assume that recruits will not join this Camp very readily. The minutes of the meetings are not signed by the Adjutant, and the Camp is in a very undesirable condition. It meets in the armory and has every reason to grow and be prosperous.

F. R. Palmer 28, Albany.— Comrade Olivier reported that the activity of Legion of Foreign Service was hurting Palmer Camp. Department Headquarters was immediately notified of this condition. Camp in good shape. Steps were taken to combat the activity of the other organization.

Neptune Naval 30.— In good condition. Trying hard for recruits. Has Camp property insured against fire.

Griffin Engineers 31.—In bad shape all around. Department Headquarters was notified and asked to help this Camp.

E. H. Liscum 33, Utica.—Comrade Hamlin reports an improved condition here, with a bright outlook.

H. J. Reilly 34.—The majority of the officers of this Camp are policemen and cannot give the Camp the attention it requires. At the time of inspection the Camp was positively lethargic. Comrade Matt. Johnson deserves great credit for the manner in which he looks after the Camp's welfare.

O. Ross Wheeler 35, Utica.—Reported by Comrade Hamlin as fair.

Defendam 36.—Commander Burgess is trying hard to awaken sentiment in this Camp. The Quartermaster uses a National due ledger, which is very good.

N. W. Crosby 37, New Rochelle.—Comrade Sawyer was detailed to inspect this Camp some months ago, but up to this writing no report has been received from him. There is no way to tell how the Camp stands.

Guy V. Henry 38.—But one word to be said about this Camp, "excellent."

L. B. Lawton 39, Auburn.—Inspected by Comrade Thelan, who reports the Camp excellent. Has a membership of fifty-nine.

G. D. Russell 43.—A social Camp, but not very active in organization matters. Financial condition, good. Personnel excellent,

J. K. Sague 44, Poughkeepsie.—I was detailed by the Department Commander to install the officers of this Camp. I attended the meeting of the Camp on January 12th, and was delighted at the number of Comrades present in uniform. The Camp has eighty-eight members, about \$150 in treasury, and has many city officials on its roster. The Camp is in a highly prosperous condition. Meets in a handsome room in the State Armory. The Quartermaster uses a due notice, which is mailed to a Comrade before his name is read off for suspension; and a delinquent notice, which is mailed to the delinquent before he is dropped from the rolls. It is recommended that copies of these blanks be submitted to National Headquarters with a view to their issuance from that office, if it be deemed expedient.

Samuel M. Porter 45, Jamestown.— Inspected by Commander S. H. Thorne of Capron Camp 60, on a request from this office, made a few weeks ago. Camp has a membership of seventy-seven, and is in good condition.

Hamilton Fish 46.— An active, progressive Camp, using a good loose leaf ledger, whereon is the Comrade's descriptive list, besides his account for two years. The Camp is excellent.

Sampson 48.— A small but sturdy Camp. Half of the membership was present at inspection. General condition, good.

Naval 49.— Third in financial strength in the Department. Pays a sick benefit of \$7 a week. Excellent in all details.

J. W. Vrooman 51.— Inspected July 20th by Comrade Hamlin, who reports the Camp excellent. Has \$105 in the treasury.

F. C. Warner 52, Ilion.— Comrade Hamlin, who inspected this Camp, reports it as good. As he is Adjutant of this Camp his modesty probably deters him from speaking of it in more enthusiastic terms.

Saratoga 58.— Comrade Giersberg is Adjutant of this Camp and is also modest, apparently, as he reports the Camp's condition simply as "good."

David Wilson 59.— Reorganized March 4th by your Inspector, who became a member thereof by transfer. The Camp now has an actual bona fide paid up membership of forty-three, twenty-six of whom are original musters, seven transfers, and ten charter members. This Camp has been condemned by several former officers who inspected it. I am proud to report at this time that it is a good, representative American Camp, and one destined to become of value to the Department and order. Credit must be given to Comrade Ralph H. Parker, who for three years retained the Camp's charter by his personal perseverance and pluck. To him should be given the praise for the Camp's existence to-day.

Allyn K. Capron 60, Olean.— Inspected July 15th by Commander P. A. Butts of Porter Camp 45, Jamestown. Camp is reported in good condition.

Kruse 61, Corona.— This Camp appears inactive. The meetings are held in a room over the fire house, without an anteroom. None of the officers seem to have memorized the ritual, and the

general outlook for the Camp is not bright. It is possible that the summer has been productive of more activity.

McKinley 62.—Waking up. The officers know the ritual in part and there are hopes that the Camp will soon again be known as active.

B. H. McCalla 65.—New blood in this Camp has made it again active. The Commander and other officers are striving to bring the Camp forward, and they will doubtless succeed. The Camp as it is may be classed very good.

G. H. Tilly 66, Jamaica.—A Camp not two years old but very good in every respect. Every member of it is a hustler. Have a good field to work in and will make good.

Searles 67, Flushing.—Several attempts were made to inspect this Camp; but as letters did not bring answers the inspection had to be deferred.

Newell Rising 68, Portchester.—This Camp was prematurely brought into existence, men being mustered in at the installation of the Camp who had never been seen before or since. There also seems to be some conflict between the Camp and the local G. A. R. post. This condition is regrettable, and your Inspector has suggested that the Camp "get together" with the G. A. R. and endeavor to secure their assistance instead of incurring their ill-will. The Camp is inactive, dormant and unprogressive.

Admiral Cook 69, Haverstraw.—Past Commander Gorst inspected this Camp. He reports fair knowledge of ritual, \$87 in the treasury, \$25 cash on hand, a membership of thirty-one with twenty-three present at inspection. The Camp is not yet one year old, but gives promise of great success and usefulness. Has a good field in which to work.

Wheeler 70.—Your Inspector wrote to both the Adjutant and Commander of this Camp but received only one answer to his letters—that the Camp had moved its meeting place and that he would be notified when it would be ready for inspection. As no further communication has been received it is possible that the Camp is not yet ready for inspection.

Hudson 71.—Inspected by Comrade Waterman, who reports Camp in good condition, with a membership of twenty-eight, seventeen of whom were present at inspection. Prospects, good.

T. H. Barry 73.—Chartered December 15, 1908. Membership, forty-eight. Adjutant Carroll's books and papers are the best in existence. His work is so excellent that no office requiring clerical ability should be beyond his reach. Camp is very good. Nearly all Comrades have uniforms.

D. J. Johnson 74, Cohoes.—Chartered December 17, 1908. Comrade Olivier inspected this Camp. He reports: "Ritual partly memorized; \$31.46 in treasury; forty-nine members, all in good standing, forty-one present at inspection. Seven initiations since muster-in of Camp. Has property valued at \$300. Active and hustling. More need not be said of the Camp."

Colonial 75, Kingston.—Inspected by Comrade Waterman. Recently chartered. Has a membership of thirty-one, fifteen present. Prospects good.

New Utrecht 77.—Inspected July 15th by Past Commander E. C. Keithley, of Schley Camp No. 16. He reports a membership of twenty-seven with eighteen present at inspection. The smallness of the number is accounted for by the fact that the Camp meets on the first and third Thursdays, but usually transacts business at the first meeting only. The meeting on the night of inspection was informal. The meetings are usually well attended. Two-thirds of the membership is uniformed, and the rest have stated that they will obtain them. Comrade Keithley writes: "In consideration of the short time that the Camp has been in existence (chartered February 15th) it has done remarkably well." General condition, very good.

H. B. Moore 78, Newburg.—Chartered March 7, 1909. This is one of the Camps at which your Inspector acted as Master of ceremonies during the installation. I herewith express to the Comrades of Moore Camp my sincerest thanks for the courtesies extended at this visit. The Camp was inspected on June 4th by Comrade Waterman. Much cannot be accomplished in three months; but this Camp has seventy-one members, eight of whom were acquired since installation; \$38.35 in treasury, and the prospects of a large growth, having a good field in which to work.

T. H. Fitzgerald 79, White Plains.—Chartered in March with eighteen members. Now has twenty-five. In a good field and should be a valuable asset to the organization. Comrade Malcolm

C. Fraser deserves special mention for his efforts in behalf of the Camp.

This covers my work of inspection. The reports of some Camps have not been received in time for inclusion herein, and have therefore not been read. The Camps at Hornell, Corning, Elmira, Binghamton and Oneonta have been uninspected.

Other matters: On January 9 I acted as Master of Ceremonies at the installation of officers of Manhattan Camp No. 1; on January 14 I acted in the same capacity at Carmer Camp No. 8, Mt. Vernon; and on January 17 I was at Poughkeepsie. The details of this visit, as well as that at Newburg on March 7, have been reported upon.

I have labored under a handicap in performing the duties of Department Inspector, holding office in two other fraternities. The work has been trying and there have been many nights when I would have preferred to remain at home; but I accepted the office in good faith, and I have performed the duties to the best of my ability. My criticisms may appear harsh, but I have endeavored to report conditions as they actually exist.

My thanks are expressed to Comrades Grant, Waterman, Olivier, Hamlin, Giersberg, Thelan, Butts, Thorne and Keithley, for the assistance rendered, and for the exceptional manner in which they performed the duties to which they have been assigned. I also thank Comrade Beckhardt who, in addition to assisting with the inspections, has given much of his time and attention to the up-building of Wilson Camp, of which he is now Commander.

In conclusion, I hope that those faults which are apparent will be overcome by the Comrades, and the good qualities herein reported be generally adopted, so that future Department Inspectors when called upon for their annual report will not be compelled to write and read so lengthy and tiresome reports which I fear mine has proved to be; but that instead each need but rise in his place and say, "Department Commander, I have the honor to report that all Camps have been inspected; they are loyal and true, and our future is assured, for the Camps and the organization are securely guarded."

(Signed) FRANK D. LAKESTREAM,
Department Inspector.

COMRADE HALLER:

I move that the report of the Inspector be received and spread upon the minutes, and that this Encampment express its appreciation of the very valuable services rendered by the Department Inspector by a rising vote of thanks.

COMRADE MANGUM:

I second the motion. (Carried.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

All resolutions should, without being read, be deposited with the Department Adjutant, and then we will ask the committee to report and read the resolutions, together with its finding, whether it be favorable or the reverse.

I will appoint as a Committee on Rules and Regulations Comrades E. C. Keithley, Brooklyn; John T. Oates, Stapleton; Malcolm C. Fraser, White Plains; Robert N. Mackin, Bath Beach; Edward F. O'Brien, Mount Vernon; and F. D. Culkin, Oswego.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Comrades and Shipmates.—You have heard only one-half of the Department Inspector's report. It is now my pleasure to present to you the "better half," and to introduce to you the very amiable and efficient Department Junior Vice-President of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Department of New York, Mrs. Clara Lakestream. (Cheers and applause.)

MRS. CLARA LAKESTREAM:

Department Commander, Staff and Comrades:

I am here in response to your greetings sent to the Ladies' Auxiliaries this morning, and I extend to you the greetings of the Ladies' Auxiliaries. I hope that this Encampment will be both agreeable and successful. Your time is limited, as is ours, I will not detain you, and again extend to you our heartiest greetings for your future welfare. I thank you. (Cheers and applause.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Mrs. Lakestream, Mrs. Keithley and Mrs. Olivier.—I want to say on behalf of this Encampment that deep down in our hearts we entertain a feeling of lasting obligation for the gracious, unselfish and progressive work that you are performing, not only in the Auxiliaries, but in extending the interests and influence of the Department of New York. I thank you for the Comrades of this Encampment. (Cheers and applause.)

The Department Commander announced the appointment of the following committees:

Finance Committee.—Comrades Emil Wohler, Buffalo; H. P. Hamlin, Ilion; L. Huntley Frost, Utica; Thomas J. McCarthy, New York, and C. W. Herrick, Oneonta.

Committee on Appeals and Grievances.—Comrades Garrett V. Johnson, Schenectady; W. Williams, Brooklyn; W. Edwin Gilbert, Rochester; Robert Ashman, Brooklyn; C. S. Beilman, Buffalo.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

We will now listen to the report of the Department Judge-Advocate.

Report of Judge-Advocate.

To the Sixth Annual Encampment of the Department of New York, United Spanish War Veterans:

COMRADES.—“Let my successor pause before accepting the mantle of power. The office is either in ornament or a trust. No man can rise to its fulfillment unless he dedicates himself to duty. To accept the office merely as an honor is to violate the generous confidence of our fellows.”

With these solemn words of admonishment still ringing in my ears, uttered as the result of experience, coming from the lips of him who had performed the duties of his office faithfully and well, and with a profound appreciation of its possibilities, I, very much against my best judgment, accepted the office of Judge-Advocate and I accepted this office, not as an ornament but as a trust, and whether or not I have failed or been successful in meeting the requirements of this trust, which you placed in my hands, rests entirely with you.

It is not my purpose to give a lengthy report of what has been done during my incumbency of the office, for I prefer to have deeds speak rather than words. I am conscious that it has been my endeavor at all times to be faithful to the trust imposed upon me, no matter at what great personal sacrifice, and that whatever duty has been performed has been with the happy and satisfactory feeling that these efforts have been put forth for the benefit of the whole organization. The only reward and compensation from a service of this nature is the respect and approval and commendation of one's fellow Comrades. I am deeply grateful to the Comrades for their loyalty to myself in my administration through its entirety.

My pathway has been made much easier by the systematic manner in which the office had been organized by my predecessor, the present Department Commander, Maurice Simmons. He left behind him a store of knowledge and precedent, and a mass of facts, data and exhibits that will be of great value to this office and to the organization for years to come. He had established a precedent in this office which was difficult to follow. He had reduced the office from one of being practically an ornament or an empty honor, to one of arduous labor and constant activity. It has been my object at all times to be impartial in my decisions and I have striven to assume the position, on all questions, of a judge, with fear of none, and favor to none. I have disposed of every question raised and every case referred to me, which was practically one hundred, thirty of which were of great importance to the organization. Quite a number of my decisions have been appealed from to the Judge-Advocate General and approved by him in each and every instance. Thousands of communications were issued from my office. I visited a great many Camps, attended Borough Council meetings, Council of Administration meetings and conferences and performed such special duties as were assigned to me by the Department Commander. As a heritage from my predecessor, and obeying the mandates of the last Encampment, I was compelled, almost at the moment of induction into office, to take up the matter of legislation on behalf of our Comrades. Three measures were introduced as administration measures and every effort within our power was put forth to the

end that all these measures might be passed. A measure to grant cities of the third class money for Decoration Day purposes, the same as enjoyed by the Grand Army of the Republic, was introduced by Assemblyman Lowman, of Chemung county, and I am happy to say, was passed with hardly any semblance of opposition, and our Comrades of the interior of the State have been reaping the benefits therefrom. They have been placed on a plane of equality with our Grand Army Comrades, while we of the greater cities are still dependent upon the generosity of the Grand Army of the Republic. A measure was introduced by Assemblyman Fowler amending section 22 (old section 21 of the Civil Service Law), to grant the same privileges to the regular soldiers and those volunteers who served in the Philippines and the Boxer uprising in China, as are enjoyed by the volunteer soldier, in the matter of having charges preferred against them and a fair trial before they can be dismissed from a Civil Service position. Unfortunately this measure failed of passage. A third measure was introduced in the Assembly by Comrade Fowler and in the Senate by Senator Grady, that was of the greatest importance to our Comrades of the organization and one upon which all the energies and strength of the Department were bent in the endeavor to secure its passage. Opposed by the politicians, the civil service boards and reform associations — opposed by the patrolmen's and firemen's and volunteer firemen's associations throughout the State, assailed on every side by the press, this measure utterly failed of passage. This measure was a proposed amendment of section 9 of article 5 of the State constitution granting to the veterans of the late war with Spain, the incidental insurrection in the Philippines and the Boxer uprising in China, who served prior to July 4, 1902, a ten point preference in their examination for admission or promotion in the civil service, after they shall have passed such examination and been placed upon any eligible list.

It is not my purpose to give an exhaustive review of the methods pursued in the matter of securing legislation, but I believe that you should be acquainted with the process in order that you might realize what a stupendous task such an undertaking is, and that you might thereby be impressed with the fact that the administration, particularly the Judge-Advocate, must have your ear-

nest and undivided support in the effort to obtain any legislation for the benefit of the Comrades of our organization. I will therefore, briefly review the methods and process of our efforts in your behalf during the last session of the Legislature. At the outset it was necessary for me to write every county clerk in the State and obtain the names of candidates for election to the Assembly, and to the Secretary of State for the names of the candidates for election to the Senate, and in addition I had to write to the Board of Elections in Buffalo and Greater New York. I received responses from most of these gentlemen, but some did not see fit to respond until after the election was over. After receiving the names of the candidates a communication was sent to each one of them, apprising them of our intention to introduce a certain measure for the benefit of the United Spanish War Veterans and requesting their opinion as to whether or not they would favor such legislation. This required the sending of over three hundred communications, from which I received reply from about one hundred, at least sixty of that number expressed themselves of being in favor of such legislation. Then Camp Commanders were urged by me to appoint a legislative committee, which committee would be subject to my orders and assist me in such matters as should be referred to them. I regret to say that only thirty of the Camps throughout the State responded. I was, therefore, compelled to abandon the plan I had in mind in reference to these various committees. Some of the Commanders waited until after the election to appoint such committee, which was a regrettable circumstance and only goes to show that no man, however energetic, however devoted to the cause, can accomplish the ultimate end, unless he has the absolute and undivided support of all of the Camps and of all of the Comrades of our organization throughout the State. It is unfair and unjust to ask a man to take up this work which can only be done at personal sacrifice to himself in his own business, if you are not willing and anxious to support him in his efforts. There were many Comrades in the organization who entered into this fight and rendered yeoman service, and their services are deeply and gratefully appreciated, and I regret that time and space denies me the privilege of mentioning each one of them individually. Letters were

sent forth to Comrades all over the State and to the various Commanders urging them to pledge the candidates for our measures, and after election, to pledge the members elected to support our legislation.

"The Call to Arms," was issued from this office which contended in argument as to why this legislation was desirable and should be granted, and I believe therein we answered every argument that could be presented by our opponents as to why this legislation should not be granted. This document also contained an appeal to every Comrade in the Department to do his part. The knowledge rests with you whether or not you responded to this appeal in your behalf. I visited Albany eleven times during the session of the Legislature, and upon a number of these occasions was accompanied by the Department Commander. Our purpose in visiting the Legislature was to endeavor to advance your measures. We interviewed a great majority of the members of the Legislature and urged our cause and left nothing undone that was possible to persuade the members of the Legislature to approve of this legislation and assure us of their support.

Unfortunately, the Preference Bill never reached the floor of the House and we are confident that had the members of the Legislature been confronted with a roll call on this measure, that it would have passed. At this time I beg to call your attention to the bitter opposition of Assemblyman Phillips, of Alleghany county, against every effort put forth in your behalf for beneficent legislation. He is absolutely opposed to anything you might present.

We had reason to believe that Assemblyman Sheridan, of New York, and Assemblyman Green, of Kings county, would assist us in the judiciary committee by voting to have this measure reported out favorably, but they saw fit to vote otherwise at the crucial moment. I cannot allow this opportunity to go by without paying tribute to Assemblyman Klein, from Queens county, who at all times was one of our ardent supporters, in the judiciary committee, and who labored unceasingly to the end that the bill might be reported favorably. In this connection, we must not forget that our Comrade Jas. W. Wadsworth, was Speaker of the Assembly, and as such, chairman of the rules committee, to which this measure was committed, and that the fate of this measure

rested in the hands of the committee of which he was chairman. The explanation of his attitude to this measure can be made to the Comrades of his Camp for the benefit and enlightenment of the whole organization.

As to the Senate, we have to thank Senator Grady of New York for introducing this measure and having the same reported from the Judiciary Committee. We also have to thank our friend, Senator Robert Wagner, for his continued encouragement and support.

At the hearing before the respective committees of the Assembly and Senate held on the 6th and 7th days of April, respectively, the claims of the United Spanish War Veterans were presented by the Department Commander and Judge-Advocate, and Past Department Junior Vice-Commander Fred Kuehile, and at the latter, in addition to these, there participated Past Commander-in-Chief Hamilton Ward and Past Commander Stewart McKnight.

Efficient co-operation was rendered also by the following delegation: Department Senior Vice-Commander, John Driscoll; Department Marshal, Terence J. O'Donnell; and Department Chief of Staff, Wm. J. Cunningham; Department Medical Director, Garrett V. Johnson; Past Department Junior Vice-Commander, Frank Hoppman; Past Department Inspectors, Jas. S. Long and Geo. W. McCune; Commanders, Patrick F. Harney, Manhattan No. 1; Chas. A. Olivier, Russell No. 2; John F. Smith, Barber No. 3; Alfred A. Mitchell, New Utrecht No. 77; National Aide, Wm. D. Tucker; Comrades, Wm. G. Sunney, C. W. Williams and Frank Yovits, all of Eugene Griffin Camp No. 11, Samuel E. Rounds and Philip Musket of Russell No. 2, and William Malcolm of Rockwell Palmer No. 28.

I trust you will note that about fifteen Camps were represented at these hearings, the great Borough of Brooklyn being represented by but one Camp, and that one of the newest Camps in our organization. I wish to call your attention to the fact that our opponents were well represented. Where we had three speakers, they had twelve, and a great number of organizations were represented.

While the opposition is increasing, are you keeping stride with it? This is a question for you to answer. The future rests in your hands and yours alone. Aside from the efforts already enumerated, the Department Commander and myself were com-

pelled to meet the attacks of our opponents through the medium of the civil service organs, and at this time I wish to state that we are grateful to the editor of "The Chief" in New York City for his kindness and courtesy in permitting us to answer the attacks of our opponents through the columns of his publication. I am deeply grateful to the Department Commander and his staff and to all my Comrades who so ably and loyally assisted me and encouraged me throughout my tenure of office. It is but meet and just that I should at this time pay a tribute to the Department Commander, for at all times he was in the forefront of the fight for legislation and was ever ready to respond to any call I made upon him. He marshaled his forces with stout heart and high purpose, and he gave the best that was in him, and with untiring effort and at great personal sacrifice waged the battle in your behalf.

I am now ready to assign to my successor the trust that was bequeathed to me by you, and I trust that whosoever you select for this high office will assume the duties thereof with a full realization of the great responsibilities which he assumes, and I wish to assure him that I will at all times be ready and will assist him so far as in me lies, to the best of my ability, in the furtherance of any legislative measure which he may advocate and strive to secure for the benefit of you, my Comrades.

Respectfully submitted,

W. MARTIN WATSON,

Judge-Advocate.

COMRADE LUTZ:

I move that the report of the Department Judge-Advocate be received and spread upon the minutes, and that a vote of thanks be given to the Judge-Advocate for the conscientious discharge of his duties.

COMRADE DALY:

I move to amend to read a rising vote of thanks.

COMRADE FINNERTY:

I second the amendment. (Carried.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

We still have a brief number of reports, and I am going to call for the report of the man who has for the first time in the history of the Department run a special train of cars to an Encampment. The train caused a wave of enthusiasm in the Department. Other attempts have failed in the past, and its inauguration is exclusively due to this man.

COMRADE JOHN E. J. CLARE:

Commander and Comrades.—It is unnecessary for me to make an extensive report, inasmuch as I was appointed to make arrangements for the Encampment. The Encampment is now in session and all arrangements have been made. My office is, therefore, dead, and I cannot make any report. (Laughter and applause.)

COMRADE WATSON:

I move that a rising vote of thanks be extended to Comrade Clare, as well as to the men that assisted him.

COMRADE LANDAU:

I second the motion. (Carried.)

COMRADE O'ROURKE:

I move that we adjourn.

COMRADE DINEEN:

In seconding that motion, I suggest that we adjourn until 2 P. M. (Carried.)

The morning session adjourned at 12:45 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The Encampment will come to order.

We will now have the report of the Chief of Staff.

Report of Chief of Staff.

COMRADE CUNNINGHAM:

Commander and Comrades.—I have no report to make other than that during the past year, in my own little way, I made several visits to Camps in my vicinity and have done everything I possibly could for the welfare of the Order, and I hope to continue doing so. (Applause.) I have not taken the time to make a complete report. (Cheers and applause.)

DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT:

I move that the report be spread upon the minutes and that a rising vote of thanks be given to Comrade Cunningham for his work.

Seconded by several Comrades. (Carried.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

We will now have the report of the Department Medical Director.

Report of Department Medical Director.

COMRADE GARRETT V. JOHNSON:

Commander and Comrades.—As far as I have information or knowledge, the health of the Department has been most excellent. For the sole purpose of being able to make a report upon my urgent duties, coming up on the train yesterday I was obliged to take Comrade McCune, of Troy, to one side and take a cinder out of his eye. Department Commander, so much for my work as Medical Director. I have done my little effort locally in the same territory with Comrade Cunningham in doing what I could to further the interests of the U. S. W. V. in the central-eastern part of the State. I made a few visits to Camps in that section and tried to give the Judge-Advocate what little assistance I could during the legislative session in Albany. Further than that, Department Commander, I have not been able to find anything to do. (Applause.)

COMRADE DEHART:

I move that a rising vote of thanks be extended to the Medical Director.

Seconded by a member of Guy V. Henry Camp. (Carried.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

We will now listen to the report of the Department Marshal.

Report of Department Marshal.

COMRADE TERENCE J. O'DONNELL:

To the Department Encampment, U. S. W. V., Department of New York:

COMRADES.—I have the honor to submit the following report as Department Marshal for the period covering August, 1908, to August, 1909.

The office of Marshal has been in the past one of an honorary position than otherwise, but as the Department administration has during my term of office been so active, it was my duty to keep pace with that spirit of activity. I have attended or taken part in the following:

Opening of subway celebration parade at Jamaica, L. I.

Unveiling of the General Wm. H. Hubbell shaft at Cypress Hills cemetery.

Installation of officers in Manhattan Camp No. 1, Old Guard No. 19, Hubbell No. 24, Griffin Engineers No. 31, General Guy V. Henry No. 38, Hamilton Fish No. 46, Searles No. 67, General Joe Wheeler No. 70; and the muster-in and installation of officers of the following new Camps: New Utrecht No. 77, Fitzgerald No. 79, Rafferty No. 80; social affairs of the following Camps: Manhattan No. 1, Roosevelt No. 10, Old Guard No. 19, Hubbell No. 24, Guy V. Henry No. 38; the games of Manhattan Borough Council; and the hearings at Albany on the Preference Bill before the Senate and Assembly Judiciary Committees; two meetings at Department Headquarters; memorial services at the Brooklyn Navy Yard; memorial services of Manhattan Borough Council; paraded in Manhattan in the morning of Memorial Day, and in Jersey City in the afternoon; attended and paraded in Bayonne, N. J., at the New Jersey Department Encampment; Independence Day celebration of New Utrecht Camp No. 77; visited several Camps during the year.

I have been a member of the Order since 1900, and I have never seen such interest and enthusiasm in our organization; and in

closing my report I desire to say that although the work has cost a little time and effort on my part, it has been a source of great satisfaction and pleasure to me to assist in the great work that has been accomplished during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. O'DONNELL,

Department Marshal.

COMRADE LAKESTREAM:

I move that the report of the Department Marshal be accepted and spread upon the minutes of this Encampment.

Seconded by several Comrades. (Carried.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

We will now have the report of the Credentials Committee.

COMRADE WEIL:

I move that the report of the Committee on Credentials only consist of the number of delegates and that the full report be submitted in the morning.

COMRADE LANDAU:

I second the motion. (Carried.)

COMRADE OLIVIER, Chairman Credentials Committee:

I have to report the number of delegates at the present time as 123.

A telegram from Niagara Falls was read as to the next Encampment.

DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT:

I move that the Department Adjutant be instructed to send a telegram to Niagara Falls stating that the consideration of the matter contained in the telegram will be taken up some time tomorrow.

COMRADE DINEEN:

I second the motion: (Carried.)

COMRADE COURT, Chairman Committee on State of the Organization:

We have a number of resolutions which I am ready to submit for your consideration.

The reading of the resolutions was deferred by direction of the Department Commander.

COMRADE DINEEN:

I rise to a point of order. My point of order is this: that this body as now constituted at the present time has no legal right to take action on anything until the Committee on Credentials has reported. I move that action on the report of the Committee on the State of the Organization be deferred until to-morrow morning.

Several Comrades: Second the motion. (Carried.)

COMRADE WEIL:

I move that we do now adjourn until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

COMRADE CLARE:

Second the motion. (Carried.)

The afternoon session adjourned at 4:15 P. M.

MORNING SESSION.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

This Encampment will now be in order.

Committee on Credentials reported that 127 delegates had presented credentials.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I will appoint as a committee to escort the Commander-in-Chief to this Encampment, Comrades Wm. H. Byrnes, Leo A. Thelan and Torrey A. Ball. The committee will immediately retire and perform their appropriate duties.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

We will now have the report of the Committee on Credentials.

The Committee on Credentials read its report of delegates whose credentials had been approved.

COMRADE SPOLDERS:

I move that the report of the Committee on Credentials be received and the delegates seated.

COMRADE WEIL:

I second the motion. (Carried.)

At this point the Commander-in-Chief entered the Encampment and was given a rising salute.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

We will now proceed to the formal opening of this session.

The Rev. F. L. Pressey opened the meeting with a prayer, calling upon the Divine Providence to guide the delegates in the proper spirit and pathway.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Comrades and shipmates: We are to-day honored by the presence of a Comrade who is the most dominating personality of our Order. Under his guidance the pulse of our Order has been quickened throughout the world. No greater man, no more capable man, no man more successful in achievement, ever filled the office. I am glad to say that I have been connected with our beloved Order for many a year and have acquired a knowledge of its workings, both departmental and national, through each succeeding administration, and let me say right here, not viewing the situation from a distance, for "distance lends enchantment," but as one who has been a close eye witness, that his administration has been unparalleled in the annals of our Order. Our Comrade has brought into the National Order at least five departments and some eighty-seven Camps. A thoroughly soldierly man, true steel to the backbone, we recall how he annually repeated his meritorious claims to the Commander-in-Chiefship. We recall how, when the National Encampment did not see fit to place in his hands the reins of power he went back home and labored increasingly for the welfare of the Order. That man was opposed by our solid delegation at the last National Encampment, but we have him as Commander-in-Chief now. I want to say

that it must have been a higher wisdom than ours that caused his selection, for it has given us the man who has given our Order the greatest administration in its history. He has been traveling from New England to get here to-day to meet and greet you, and it is my distinguished privilege and pleasure, a privilege I rejoice in because I opposed with every energy in my power his election, to introduce to you the greatest Commander-in-Chief in our history, Charles W. Newton. (Cheers and continued applause.)

Address of Commander-in-Chief.

Department Commander Simmons and Comrades.— After this delightful introduction I feel rewarded for the efforts I have made to be with you to-day. I am really the humble servant of our noble organization and I assure you that I am very happy indeed that I was able to lay aside the cares and worries of National Headquarters to be present with you at this Encampment to-day and to bring to you the greetings of our 40,000 members, and also by direction a special message of greeting from the Comrades of my own Department of Connecticut, and I also have the honor to deliver to you commissions which were given to me by the Departments in Ohio and Illinois, when they learned of my purpose to visit you, to extend to you the expression of their heartiest greetings and best wishes for your prosperity, and it gives me great pleasure in doing so at this time. (Applause.)

When I came into office, we looked around to see what section of the country appeared to most need our attention and it seemed to us as if the south was in need more than any other section at that time, and so my first trip away was toward the south, and I went to Washington and there met Past Commander-in-Chief Miller. We looked over matters of legislation and it seemed to us as if the legislation which was most important to us and which we had a chance to have passed was the Dick Bill. We went to work on that and after repeated visits and calls upon Senators Buckley, Foraker and Warren, we succeeded in having the bill drawn from the pigeon hole of the Senate Military Committee, approved by it and passed by the Senate, but unfortunately in the

last days of the Committee. Hobson and some others in the House were unable to get it presented to that body at the last session and therefore, although it has passed the Senate, it has failed of legislation. I was particularly anxious that this bill should be passed for the reason that never again in the history of our organization will such a case as that of poor Hanrahan occur. You all have read how the poor fellow died in Newark; how it was discovered that he was a soldier and the case reported to National Headquarters with a request to bury the Comrade. He was from East Gloucester, Mass. I communicated with the Department of Massachusetts which appropriated \$100 to have the body brought to Massachusetts. Application was made for a firing detail from those in authority at Boston, and you will remember that the request was denied. The matter was referred to Washington and it was again denied. A firing squad was finally obtained and the body buried with all the honors of our organization. But when this bill is passed we will never again be in the position of being refused in a like case because we will have the material to do so ourselves.

About that time I got an appeal from the Veteran Army of the Philippines, in which they stated that the 13th day of August had been made a holiday by the Philippine Legislature, and designated a National Holiday but that it did not include our army and navy. They asked me to bring the matter before Congress so that this might be accomplished. After looking the matter over for several days I concluded that the quicker and better way to do that would be an appeal to the Secretaries of War and Navy. After a personal call upon the President and the Secretaries, I am very glad to inform you that an order was issued by each of the departments giving our boys in the Army and Navy, then in the Philippines a holiday on the 13th of August. (Applause.)

Incidentally, while I was there I made a call upon the Secretary of the Treasury in behalf of Mrs. McGrew, the widow of our first Commander-in-Chief, who was obliged to go back to her old position in the Treasury Department. I made an appeal to him for an increase in salary and better position. I left with the Secretary's promise of an increase in the near future for her. (Applause.)

From Washington I went to Virginia, where, as most of you know, the conditions are very bad. There was a Camp organized at Fredericksburg ready to be mustered into the Order and a colored Comrade was sent to muster it in. While we welcome the colored Comrade, and we have two or three in my own Camp who are valuable members, we know the feeling which still prevails in some parts of the South, and you can imagine what happened to the colored Comrade. The Camp was nearly disbanded. That was the situation when I arrived there, but through the influence of the office of Commander-in-Chief in the City of Richmond, there is now a fine Camp organized. The Camps in that State are now known as the White and Negro Departments of Virginia and both are in a flourishing condition.

I then went to North Carolina with the result that two well organized Camps are now there and every promise is that more will follow.

In Tennessee I found conditions bad. There the Department had gotten into bad shape, and out of thirteen Camps, only one or two, if I remember correctly, were in good standing. You would have been surprised to see the awakened interest made merely through the office and visits of the Commander-in-Chief — not the person, but the name of the Commander-in-Chief of our great organization. As a result of that visit, Tennessee is one of the best smaller Departments, with eleven or twelve Camps in good standing, and with three new Camps organized. I have the very great pleasure to report that, as a result of that visit, there are now two flourishing Camps in the City of Memphis. (Applause.)

Your Commander has said, and truly so, that it has been my fortune to institute eighty-seven new Camps so far during my administration. We have been doing a great deal of work which does not show on the surface but will show in the records of the present administration. I found that many of the Departments were in bad shape and we have worked incessantly, not only to build up a new organization of Camps, but to clear up the old Camps, and I am very happy to say that in turning over my administration to my successor, I shall be able to turn over almost a clean organization. As you will read by the reports of the Boston Encampment, there were 178 Camps in bad standing.

In some of the States there are organizations claiming that they are the representatives of the Spanish War, but I want you to know and feel that I believe that the U. S. W. V. is the representative organization of the men who served in the War with Spain. We have been recognized by Congress and we were assigned a position with the G. A. R. in the parade in Washington and I was asked to be a member of the staff. We have been repeatedly recognized as the representative organization of Spanish War veterans and I am speaking of this for the reason that there are other organizations bearing different names that claim that they are the representative organizations of the men who served in the War with Spain. But our organization represents the man who held to his gun and was willing to go wherever sent and perform whatever duty his government sent him to perform. While some of these organizations keep their hands off us, I want to read to you an extract from an order issued over the signature of the Commander-in-Chief of one of these organizations immediately after our Boston Encampment:

“The United Spanish War Veterans have publicly announced that the ‘Veteran Army of the Philippines’ has amalgamated with them. ‘The Veteran Army of the Philippines’ at the date of amalgamation, only existed in a few fertile minds. It has never had a Camp or other organization in this country, and years ago passed out of existence as an active organization in the Philippine Islands.”

My answer to that, my Comrades, is that our Department of the Veteran Army of the Philippines, which we took in at Boston, is one of the finest Departments in our organization; they have bought largely of supplies and their Memorial Day exercises on Memorial Day from a copy of the program that was sent me, shows them to be a fine live part of the organization, and the representative of that organization at our Encampment in Tacoma is one of the best known soldiers in the country, Brigadier General Smith, the Governor-General of the Philippines himself. (Applause.) You will remember that fearful morning of Inauguration Day — the worst I have known in thirty years’ experience — there were about 250 members of our organization waiting with

the G. A. R. for the President to come and to take up the line of march. While standing there, I was approached by a Comrade who said: "Commander-in-Chief Newton, my name is So-and-so; I am Commander-in-Chief of So-and-so; I would consider it a favor if you will allow me to parade on your staff." Now the point I make is, that this Comrade was the only Comrade of that organization in the Inaugural morning parade and I granted him the courtesy of parading as a member of my staff. It was that same Comrade who wrote that order. Your Commander-in-Chief was received as the representative of our great organization while other organizations throughout the country were making most wonderful claims as representing those who served in the War with Spain. That order was issued under the title of the Veteran Army of the Philippines, and signed by P. J. H. Farrell, Commander-in-Chief.

I want to say just a word about the McGrew Memorial. Those of you who were at Boston are aware that your Past Commander-in-Chief, while there, introduced a resolution appropriating \$200 for a tablet to be placed upon the monument of our first Commander-in-Chief, and directed the disposition of it be carried out by a Board of Trustees. After opening National Headquarters, it appeared to us that the term, Board of Trustees, was a misnomer, and the only Board of Trustees was the one appointed by the Encampment at Cedar Point, who were an advisory body. The Judge-Advocate General decided that the term was a misnomer and that, therefore, there was no one to carry out the terms of the resolution and the project was carried out by National Headquarters.

We learned of the unfortunate condition of the affairs of the family; there was no money to purchase a monument, and it seemed to me that it was up to National Headquarters to do something. In addition to the enormous amount of work we had been doing, and we answered over 13,000 communications and sent out 1,000 packages by mail and express, we undertook to carry out the McGrew Memorial to a successful termination. I deemed it my duty to do so and I asked the Camps of all Departments for contributions. The results you have seen from the pictures here

before you. It represents contributions from every Department in our organization — Alaska, Philippines and the Hawaiian Islands, as well as a magnificent contribution from the National Auxiliary. The monument was dedicated a week ago Monday at Indianapolis. I acknowledge the great assistance Past Commander-in-Chief Ward gave me and the great help he has been in the matter of securing the monument.

There is a committee at the present time working on the revision of the rules and regulations and from what I so far know we will have the finest set of rules and regulations of any organization in the country. Everything will be laid out in detail. There will not be a question that will have to be put up to Headquarters that the answer cannot be found in these new rules and regulations, if adopted at Tacoma. This is going to be the one great monument of my administration. (Applause.)

Over in Boston, when the selection of the place for our next Encampment was up, New York State seconded Tacoma; Connecticut seconded Tacoma, and Tacoma won. We all voted for far away Tacoma. Now after that was done and we had returned to our homes, a feeling came up of a possible mistake — that we had gone too far — some believed that a mistake may have been made. It was suggested that the place be changed — that we bring it back East. One of the principles of our organization is justice and in justice that was impossible. I want to put this strongly to you and urge you, in every possible way, to send a delegation to the Tacoma Encampment and to bring it back to the East. For the last four or five years, you know how small, indeed, has been the number of Comrades from West of the Mississippi, who have attended Encampments. The great bulk of our organization is East of the Mississippi, and unless the cities of the East and the Middle West send a good delegation, we are going to place this great organization in the hands of men, nine-tenths of whom have never been to a single National Encampment. (Applause.) We want to bring the Encampment back East where we can watch proposed legislation and other matters of great importance to our great order.

I thank you for your attention and want to again extend to you the well wishes of the entire Organization and to hope that this Encampment will result in great good to the Order. (Cheers and applause.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

We will now have the report of the Prize Committee.

CHAIRMAN C. A. SIMMONS:

The Secretary of the Committee will present our written report.

Report of Committee on Prizes.

Your Committee begs leave to report that it has heard the statements of the donors of the prizes to be awarded for net percentage of increase, and it was stated to the committee by them that the term to be figured on was from January 1, 1909, to June 30, 1909, and that the semi-annual returns on file at the Department Headquarters should be the basis for the figures. On this basis David Wilson Camp No. 59, New York City, shows a net gain of 133 per cent., and Joseph S. Decker Camp No. 20, of Staten Island, a net gain of 44.4 per cent.

A protest has been made to the committee that the term should have been figured from January 1, 1909, to date. But, owing to the statements of the donors of the prizes as to the conditions, as they understood them, and having no data to work on in case the competition is continued to date, the committee has decided to render this report, subject to the approval of the Encampment, as to the period over which the competition should extend.

The committee reports that Comrade Johnson (Brooklyn) dissented from the decision of the committee.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Does the report of the committee embrace both prizes?

COMRADE C. A. SIMMONS:

It was agreed by the donors that the first prize would be the \$100 donation and the painting the second prize. It was also taken into consideration that the \$100 was offered first.

The Credentials Committee, through its Chairman, reported certain additional delegates.

COMRADE DINEEN:

I move that the report of the Credentials Committee be approved and the committee continued.

COMRADE WATSON:

I second the motion. (Carried.)

COMRADE DINEEN:

I move that the report of the Committee on Prizes be accepted, their action sustained, and the committee discharged with the thanks of this Encampment.

COMRADE DREIS:

I second the motion. (Carried.)

COMRADE DREIS:

I move that speeches be limited to not more than five minutes on each question.

COMRADE LANDAU:

I second the motion. (Carried.)

COMRADE JOHNSON:

I move that a rising vote of thanks be given to Comrades Tucker and Wall for their generous offers.

COMRADE LANDAU:

I second the motion. (Carried.)

COMRADE TUCKER:

Commander, Ladies and Comrades.—I am very glad to stand before you and present to the Camp the prize that I offered, and I want the Comrades to feel that the donation of this prize was not with any mercenary motive. I have the good of this organiza-

tion at heart and I want to see its membership increase. It may be in order for me to explain a little bit about how this prize came about. Without mentioning any names, or anything outside of the organization, this prize was first offered by a man in New York City, and then he went back on it. It was, however, offered in my name and as I have a high conception of honor for the name of Tucker, which goes back to the Revolution, I could not see it stained in this generation, and I take great pleasure in presenting to Commander Beckhardt, of Wilson Camp No. 59, the first prize. I want to say right here that I thank the Comrades of the Department of New York for the great support they have given me. I also want to say that there is another hundred dollars for the Camp that shows the largest increase from June 30, 1909, to June 30, 1910. I am also going to give to the Commander of each new Camp in New York City a gavel, which will be worth something to the Camp. I thank you and want you to know that Tucker is going to be on the job next year. (Cheers and applause.)

COMRADE ARTHUR E. LUZZI:

I will offer as second prize, under the same conditions, \$50 for the largest increase in membership during the same period.

COMRADE WALL:

I put the prize entirely in the hands of the committee, and it is up to them to discharge their duty entirely, and it is for them to present the picture to the Camp; I have already presented it to the Encampment.

COMRADE O'ROURKE:

Department Commander and Comrades.—We do not want to take up any time speechmaking. We want to get through with the business as soon as possible. I thank you for the picture, but I would rather have the money. (Laughter and applause.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

We will now have the report of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

Report of Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

COMRADE GARRETT V. JOHNSON:

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances have the extreme pleasure and gratification, to extend their congratulations to the Department of New York, for there is absolutely nothing to report so far, and we are earnestly hoping that the Encampment may close with the same honorable record with no report from the Committee on Appeals and Grievances. (Cheers and applause.)

COMRADE DINEEN:

I move that the report be accepted and the committee continued until the end of the session.

COMRADE CLARE:

I second the motion. (Carried.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

We will now listen to the report of the Department Historian, which will be read by the Department Adjutant, owing to the inability of Comrades Hayes to attend this Encampment.

Report of Department Historian.

To the Department Commander and Delegates of the Department Encampment:

I have the honor to submit the following report, as Department Historian, for the term beginning October 1, 1908, and ending August, 1909.

The office of Department Historian was created by the last National Encampment, held at Boston, on the recommendation of the New York Department, but the duties to be performed were not defined. Consequently the office for the past year has been more or less in a quandary. The original resolution in relation to the office of Historian was presented to Manhattan Camp No. 1 by Comrade L. Flanagan. It was sandwiched in amongst a number of others in relation to the passage of a Civil Service Bill, and read as follows:

Resolved, That we favor the election or appointment of one additional officer on the staff of the Department Commander, whose duty it shall be to keep a record of the effective work done by the different Camps in the interest of the organization. We also favor the addition of one more officer on the staff of the Camp Commander, whose duty it shall be to keep a record of the effective work done by individual members of the Camp. We favor the amendment of the Rules and Regulations so as to effect this purpose.

This resolution was adopted by Manhattan Camp No. 1, and Commander John S. Adair and Past Commander B. J. Fagan, presented same to the Department Encampment in Troy, where that part in relation to the Department Historian was adopted. The debate seemed to favor the duty of keeping a record of the Legislators in relation to action for or against United Spanish War Veteran matters. Delegate-at-large Past Commander Bernhardt Wall presented a resolution to the National Encampment in Boston that a Department Historian and Chief of Staff be added to the roster of each Department, and it was adopted.

G. O. No. 5, National Headquarters, section 2, article 2, reads as follows:

“That the Rules and Regulations be and are hereby amended by inserting after the words Junior Vice-Commander the words Chief of Staff, and after the word Marshal the words Department Historian. And that section 3, article 6, be amended by inserting before the words Department Adjutant the words Chief of Staff, and after the word Quartermaster the words Department Historian.”

It can readily be seen that when I was honored with the appointment to this office as a call to duty, I was in a quandary as to just what duties were to be performed. The National Encampment having failed to specify the duties of the office, I had a talk with our Department Commander, with the result that I presented the following resolutions to the Department Commander and staff at one of their weekly meetings held in December:

I. It shall be the duty of the Department Historian to keep a record of the meritorious work done by the Department officers, Camp officers or Comrades, in the interest of the U. S. W. V., same to be read at the Department Encampment.

II. It shall be his duty to keep a record of the attitude of the members of the National, State and Municipal Legislatures, with regard to U. S. W. V. matters.

III. He shall answer all criticisms printed against the U. S. W. V., either by direct answer or by quoting the attitude in 1898, taken from articles printed by them during the war.

IV. It shall be his duty to supply Department information to the various publications carrying U. S. W. V. news matters.

V. It is expected that Camp Commanders will see to it that their Adjutants furnish all the necessary data to the Department Historian of events of any special importance that occur in his Camp so that he can keep a record of the same. Department Historian's name and address should be placed upon all mailing lists for Camp orders.

VI. The Department Commander is requested to place in his Department orders a request that Camp Commanders have their Adjutants furnish above information.

I recommend that the above resolutions be made a part of the rules and regulations with the amendments to follow which designate a Camp Historian to furnish the necessary information to the Department Historian.

With a further desire to get a line on the office I requested the editor of the U. S. W. V. Review, to whom I send monthly articles as Department Historian, to invite the other Department Historians of the various Departments of our order to state their views of their duties of the office. The article was printed in the February number but none of the other Department Historians complied with the request. I attended the Massachusetts and New Jersey Encampments and failed to hear any report made to them.

I feel that the office is a very important one and one through which a great deal of good work may be done for the organization and will be done when the proper duties and assistants are designated as I have suggested. This information could only be gained by experience in the office, which I hope and feel will prove of some benefit to the Department later on.

With that thought in mind, I presented the following resolutions to Manhattan Camp No. 1, and they were adopted and will be presented by Commander P. F. Harney.

Resolved, That article VII, section 5, of the Rules and Regulations be amended by inserting after the word Chaplain the word Historian; and that article VII, section 6, be amended by inserting after the word Quartermaster the word Historian.

Resolved, That article VII, section 12, read as follows:

I. It shall be the duty of the Historian to keep a record of the meritorious work done by the Camp's officers and Comrades in the interest of the Camp.

II. To keep a record of the attitude of the members of the legislative bodies in the locality where the Comrades of the Camp reside.

III. To receive from the Comrades and turn same over to the Department Historian all clippings in relation to U. S. W. V. matters.

IV. To furnish appropriate Camp news and information to the Department Historian for publication.

V. To make an annual report of Camp history to the Department Historian one month previous to the Department Encampment.

These resolutions are self-explanatory. They make a success of the office of Department Historian; besides, it is something for an officer or a Comrade to know that when he has accomplished some undertaking for the good of the order it will be recorded to his credit and used as an example to encourage other Comrades to greater and better work. Incidentally the Comrade who does nothing will hear of nothing recorded about him and cannot therefore be disappointed.

The past record of the legislator who asks for your vote on election day is another asset. It is well at these times to know our friends and our enemies. The proof of this was shown in our last election when two of our enemies were chased out of the field for re-election and one of our friends was re-elected by the Comrades of the U. S. W. V., rallying to his support at his request.

The answering of sarcastic articles printed by the newspapers which were loudest in their praise of us in 1898, is a duty which needs more than a passing notice.

The supplying of Department information to the various publications carrying U. S. W. V. matter speaks for itself. This would assure success of an organization paper or magazine.

The Camp Historian neglecting his duty would leave his Camp in the background of onward march to the success of our order.

In conclusion, it would be unfair for me to make a report of the Department, its officers and Camps during the past year, on account of my incomplete sources of information, but it would be equally dishonest if I failed to historically mention the effective work done by our Department Commander, Maurice Simmons, and his able assistant, Department Adjutant E. W. Larkin. Both of these comrades were untiring in their efforts to make a success of their offices. Their reports you have already heard, and that their names and work will shine like stars in the history of our organization needs no historian to record. I have kept a file of clippings that I received during the year, over three-quarters of them came to me through the Department Adjutant, whose courteous treatment of me when I sought Camp news is one memory I will carry with me as a token of the office. This file I will turn over to my successor.

In closing I hope I have helped to pave a way for the future success of this office.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) JOHN S. HAYES,
Department Historian.

COMRADE HARNEY:

I move the adoption of the report of the Department Historian.

COMRADE SMITH:

COMRADES.— I rise to submit an amendment to the resolution to adopt this report. If we wish to amend our regulations in this manner it is very easy for us to pick up a report and fill it full of resolutions which will create an entirely new set of regulations for us. The adoption of this report will carry with it and place upon our Rules and Regulations and enact thereon as part thereof several resolutions in the report which have not been considered by the Resolutions Committee, and at the proper time, have not been discussed by this Encampment. I move an amendment that the report be referred to the proper committee.

COMRADE REYHING:

I second the motion to amend. (Carried.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

We will now have a report from the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

I will make the following ruling for the guidance of the business of the Encampment and in order to save time. When resolutions are read by the several committees, and a motion is made by the Chairman of such committee to adopt the same, where no dissenting voice is heard the resolution will stand adopted, providing this plan meets with the approval of the Encampment. Are there any objections to this plan being followed? Not hearing any the ruling will stand as the wish of this Encampment.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Comrade Keithley, Chairman Rules and Regulations, reported as follows:

That this Department indorse and present to the National Encampment the following resolution:

Resolved, That a due system be adopted for the use of the United Spanish War Veterans, along the following lines. The book to be in size about $2\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches, and to contain eight pages, printed for the following entries:

Page 1. Name of Comrade, age, nationality, height, weight, color of eyes and hair, and such other means of identification as may be necessary.

Page 2. Record. Name of Camp, number, location, place and time of meetings, offices held by Comrade in the organization, name of Camp or Department in which he receives his rank, date of entry into Camp.

Pages 3, 4, 5 and 6. Rules for dues, giving date due, date paid, amount and signature of the Quartermaster.

Page 7. Transfers. Blank form with space for four transfers, giving dates, number and location of both Camps, also date at top of page for date of muster into the organization and reinstatements.

Page 8. Signature of Comrade. Blank form of declaration to abide by the Rules and Regulations, to be signed by the Comrade in the presence of the Quartermaster.

The committee moves its adoption.

Malcolm C. Fraser (White Plains) presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That such changes be made in the Rules and Regulations as will allow the placing of grave markers of the U. S. W. V. on graves of all soldiers and sailors who died serving their country during the war with Spain or the Philippine insurrection.

The committee recommends its adoption.

COMRADE FRASER:

In making this resolution I made it purely on what I came across on Decoration Day. Decoration Day was the first chance we had to visit the graves of our Comrades who have died. When we went to those graves we found that every one was marked with G. A. R. markers, and on inquiry I found that we are unable to mark our own graves unless the Comrade is a member of the U. S. W. V.

COMRADE GARRETT V. JOHNSON:

I believe that we should be broadminded in every sense of the word, in our organization and in everything in which our organization takes a hand. If a man had the same spirit of patriotism that you and I evinced in 1898 to 1902, and died in the service of his country, or before a Camp of the U. S. W. V. was organized in his locality, we should give him the same honor in the matter of decorating his grave as we do to every local member of the U. S. W. V. (Applause.) Perhaps, Department Commander and Commander-in-Chief, I stand here as a Comrade subject to discipline when I make the confession that my Camp in Schenectady puts the U. S. W. V. marker on every grave of a man who was in the service of his country and died between

1898 and 1902. (Applause.) I believe, Department Commander, we should not sit here and split hairs. Why not honor a man who has sacrificed his life in the service of our country? (Applause.)

The motion was carried.

The following resolution was presented by Comrade William H. Johnson (Brooklyn):

Resolved, That the Department Headquarters cause the Department Rules and Regulations to be bound in a handy volume, and that copies of the same be furnished to each Camp at a cost not exceeding twenty-five cents each.

The committee moves its adoption.

COMRADE LAKESTREAM:

Inasmuch as there are a great many delegates here to-day who have never seen a copy of the Department Rules and Regulations — in fact some Comrades never knew there were any such Rules and Regulations — I move that the matter be referred to a special committee, to report at the next Encampment, to draw up proper rules and regulations for this Department, the committee to consist of five members.

COMRADE SMITH:

I move that the resolution to print the Rules and Regulations be laid on the table indefinitely.

COMRADE DINEEN:

Second the motion. (Carried.)

The Department Commander presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That resolutions be forwarded the President and Vice-President of the United States, the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Congressional delegates of the State of New York, urging an increase in monthly pension from \$50 to \$100, to the widow of our late Department Commander, Rear Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan.

The committee recommends its adoption.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

If there is no objection, when the Chairman of the committee renders a favorable report, it will carry with it the moving and seconding of the resolution. Hearing no objection, it is so ordered.

The following resolution was presented by Comrade Cunningham.

Resolved, That no application for a charter shall be approved for a new Camp in any city of less than 100,000 population, or any town or village where a Camp or Camps already exist, without the approval of the existing Camp or Camps.

The committee recommends its adoption. (Carried.)

The Department Commander presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That our delegation to the approaching National Encampment vote for the adoption of resolutions requesting the enactment of legislation increasing the monthly pension of the widow of our late Department Commander, Rear Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan, from \$50 to \$100, and that National Headquarters forward copies thereof to the President and Vice-President of the United States, The Secretary of the Department of the Interior, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the members of the Congressional Committees on Pensions.

The committee recommends its adoption. (Carried.)

The Department Commander submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Camp Commander who omits or neglects to have Department General Orders forwarded to each member of his Camp be subjected to disciplinary punishment.

The committee recommends its adoption. (Carried.)

The Department Commander presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Poor Law be amended so as to include our Camps as disbursing agencies with the G. A. R. Posts in distributing relief to distressed soldiers and sailors, to include the Commander and Quartermaster.

The committee recommends its adoption. (Carried.)

COMRADE WALL:

I wish to state that I disapprove of this resolution as being premature, and for this reason, if I may be allowed to state. For the past year, which has been the first year that the lower section of the State has been participating in the distribution of the relief moneys through the G. A. R., we have been getting along fairly well. It seems to me to be premature to overturn that prescribed rule. It seems that we will certainly incur the displeasure or hostility of the G. A. R. and we are not in favor of such a thing at this time. We are trying to keep friendship with the G. A. R. It is a little arrangement that we have between ourselves.

COMRADE SMITH:

This question of poor relief is one that your organization has attempted to deal with before. You will recall some years ago that a bill was passed bringing or attempting to place into effect a so-called poor law, just as this resolution proposed to do. The Governor of the State of New York on two occasions declined to sign the bill, stating that the funds of the State were being disbursed by the G. A. R., and were in perfectly good hands, and that they were satisfied to leave them there. I believe it would be unwise for us at this time to re-attempt to pass such a bill and antagonize that body. With judgment, care and deliberation much can be accomplished by working harmoniously with the G. A. R. It is done with the G. A. R. in Brooklyn and it can be done anywhere.

COMRADE WARD:

This question which we are now discussing is one to which I have given a good deal of time and attention. During the administration of Past Department Commander C. A. Simmons, and during his predecessor's administration, a bill such as we propose here to introduce, was passed through the Legislature. I gave a good deal of attention to the matter and

went to Albany several times. The first time the bill was passed it was vetoed by Governor Higgins. There was some trifling correction to be made. The bill reached the Governor as a thirty-day bill and he let it die. I had an intimate personal acquaintance with the Governor and went down to see him. He told me he was going to let it die on the recommendation of the Commissioner of Charities, whose name I have forgotten. He advised the bill be vetoed because of the fact that the disposition of these funds should not be in more than one hand, and that the distribution should be confined to the G. A. R. At that time practically the only place in the State we could find where our Comrades shared the benefit of that law was in the City of Buffalo. We have never had any trouble and for the past few years I think we have received a larger percentage than the G. A. R., because our needs are greater and our numbers are greater. The boys of the G. A. R. are getting weak and the members are old, and it is a pretty serious question whether that relief which by law is given to soldiers should not be distributed as well through the Camps of the U. S. W. V. as through the posts of the G. A. R. All the G. A. R. posts have to do to extend this relief is for the Quartermaster of the post to draw a warrant on the municipal treasury. He is made, for the purpose of that act, a poormaster, and the law requires that his warrants be approved. There is only one instance in the whole history of this State where a Quartermaster of a G. A. R. post abused that fund. We are almost as numerically large as the G. A. R. is in the State, and I think it is a reasonable measure. I think we can properly ask the Legislature to pass such a bill. They have already passed it two times. Wherever in your cities you do not have the full co-operation of the G. A. R., as the Department Commander has stated, mandamus proceedings have to be taken to get us the benefit of a law which has been in the statute books for fifteen years. How does the Quartermaster of a G. A. R. Post know the merits of a U. S. W. V. case? How does he know whether he is an honest man or not? The man who knows that is the

Quartermaster of the United Spanish War Veteran Camp, and that is the man who could protect the public and expend the relief which the public furnishes to be distributed properly, much better than the Quartermaster of a Grand Army Post. The responsibility should be placed squarely where it belongs. Every one of our Quartermasters is under bond, and it seems to me and to every intelligent reasoning man that Spanish War Veterans would rather have relief through their own Camp than through outsiders. We all want to extend the strength of our organization. The relief fund is the greatest way to do that. Some of the big Camps have relief funds of their own. The Camp that has the big relief fund has the best inducement to join. Get a law of this sort passed and every Camp has a relief fund of its own. Relief from a public fund raised by taxation is as it should be. We can then say to the thousands of men who are outside of our organization: "We are recognized by law as the proper source through which relief is distributed," and "You can get relief when you want it through our Camps and not otherwise." Is there anything that you can think of which will strengthen our organization among the men we want to belong to it. I think we should make another attempt to get this law passed, and as one of the oldest members of this organization I am of the opinion that it would do the organization more good than the adoption of our Civil Service Law. (Applause.)

DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT:

At the Encampment at Troy this very same question was brought up and the consensus of opinion was that in all matters pertaining to legislation it was unwise to tie the hands of the incoming Judge-Advocate to any particular program. I think you can safely place this matter in the hands of the incoming administration without tying its hands.

The resolution was carried.

Comrade Wall presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the co-operation of the G. A. R. be requested in the matter of the legislative amendment of the Poor Law, giving U. S. W. V. Camps authority to disburse relief funds.

The Committee recommends its adoption.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

We will now have the report of the Council of Administration.

Report of the Council of Administration.

Report of special committee convened by the Department Commander, December 5, 1908, to devise ways and means to pay honor to our deceased Comrade, Rear Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan, Past Department Commander of this Department, all subject to the wishes of the Admiral's family:

Present: Frank Keck, Chairman; Comrades W. Martin Watson, E. C. Keithley, F. C. Kuehnle, C. P. Hamilton, H. A. F. Young, and James F. Court, the last named acting as secretary.

The committee made the following recommendations, all of which were adopted:

1. That a floral piece be sent to the family of the Admiral.
2. That the Department Commander appoint a committee of four to attend in a carriage the funeral of Admiral Coghlan.
3. That a sub-committee consisting of Comrades Keithley and Kuehnle visit the family at New Rochelle to ascertain their wishes respecting the funeral arrangements.
4. That the Department Commander telegraph the Commander-in-Chief of the death of the Admiral.
5. That memorial resolutions be prepared and engrossed by a committee to be appointed by the Department Commander, to include himself, and the same be sent to the family of the Admiral.

On motion the committee then adjourned.

A meeting of the Council of Administration was held at Department Headquarters, December 5, 1908.

Present: John S. Adair, Joseph Kaiser, John H. Ehmann, Albert B. Davis; Robert A. Doremus, acting secretary.

On motion duly made and seconded it was

Resolved, That article 6, section 1, be amended to read as follows: "Whenever two or more Camps are organized in the same vicinity, or political division, they may for the control and management of such matters as are of common interest, organize Memorial and Executive Committees. The Camps in the Borough of Manhattan, Bronx and Richmond, in the City of New York, shall constitute the Memorial and Executive Committee of the Boroughs of Manhattan, Bronx and Richmond, and the Camps of the Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens, shall constitute the Memorial and Executive Committee of the Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens."

On motion, duly made and seconded, it was

Resolved, That whenever the words "District Councils" are mentioned in the rules and regulations of the Department of New York, they shall be changed to read "Memorial and Executive Committees."

On motion, duly made and seconded, it was

Resolved, That article 6, section 2, be eliminated and that the succeeding sections be advanced one number.

On motion, duly made and seconded, it was

Resolved, That article 6, section 2 (old number section 3), be amended to include in those entitled to vote at meetings of Memorial and Executive Committees Past Department Commanders of the State, and Past Chairmen of the District Councils; and further, that alternate delegates be elected by Camps at the time of the election of delegates; and further, that each Camp shall be entitled to elect one delegate and one alternate where the membership is less than twenty-five comrades, instead of two delegates and alternates, as heretofore.

On motion, duly made and seconded, it was

Resolved, That article 6, section 3 (old number section 4), be amended to read as follows:

"The officers of the Memorial and Executive Committees shall be a chairman, a senior vice-chairman, a junior vice-chairman, secretary, treasurer, marshal and sergeant-at-arms, who shall be elected, etc."

On motion, duly made and seconded, it was

Resolved, That article 6, section 4 (old number section 5), be amended to agree with the previous resolution.

On motion, duly made and seconded, it was

Resolved, That article 6, section 5 (old number section 6), be amended to read after the words "unless in possession of the" the words "National countersign or Department parole."

On motion, duly made and seconded, it was

Resolved, That article 6, section 7 (old number section 8), be amended to read as follows after the words "the following permanent committees" the words "and such other committees as may be authorized by the Memorial and Executive Committee", and after the words "not less than three members" the following:

1. Legislation and Pensions;
2. Grievances;
3. Employment;
4. Relief.
5. Ceremonies and Cemeteries;
6. Finance and Accounts; and
7. Entertainment and Press.

On motion, duly made and seconded, it was

Resolved, That article 6, section 10 (old number section 11), be amended so as to read after the words "by a vote of a Camp", the following sentence: "Camps failing to pay assessments levied by the Memorial and Executive Committees within thirty days after the date of such assessment shall not be entitled to any of the rights and privileges connected with the Memorial and Executive Committees, nor shall they be entitled to representation." This section shall not apply to the distribution of public funds.

On motion, duly made and seconded, it was

Resolved, That this meeting of the Council of Administration do now adjourn without date.

A meeting of the Council of Administration was held at Headquarters, 198 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, New York city, on June 26, 1909. The session opened at 2 p. m.

Present: Comrades John S. Adair, Peter E. Bartnett, William S. Styles and Maurice Simmons.

The following Comrades were also present and participated in the discussion of the various propositions considered by the

Council, viz.: E. W. Larkin, Thomas J. Quinn, W. Martin Watson, T. J. O'Donnell and Thomas F. Lynch, and National Aides, Wm. H. Johnson, Wm. D. Tucker and Albert J. Kennedy; Comrades Wm. Macauley, P. F. Harney, W. H. Holmes, Charles Bormann, E. W. O'Brien, Geo. J. Sawyer, Jesse F. Ford, M. J. Mendelsohn and Ralph H. Parker.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried, Comrade John S. Adair and Comrade Ralph H. Parker were respectively elected chairman and secretary of the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Council of Administration were read and adopted.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried, a sub-committee of two were appointed to audit the books of the Quartermaster and National Aide Alfred J. Kennedy and Commander Charles Bormann were appointed a sub-committee for that purpose.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the action of the Council at its previous meeting recommending the submission of the Memorial and Executive Committees of the Borough of Bronx and the Borough of Richmond to the jurisdiction of the Memorial and Executive Committee of the Borough of Manhattan, and that of the Borough of Queens to the jurisdiction of the memorial and Executive Committee of the Borough of Brooklyn, were reconsidered.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the said recommendation was rejected.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was

Resolved, That section 14, article 8, Department Rules and Regulations be stricken out and instead thereof be substituted the following:

"It shall be the duty of such Memorial and Executive Committee to elect delegates to a joint Finance Committee, which is hereby vested with full power and authority to receive and disburse all funds appropriated by the City of New York for Memorial Day purposes of the United Spanish War Veterans. The membership of said joint Finance Committee shall consist of one delegate each from the Memorial and Executive Committee of the Borough of Richmond and the Borough of Bronx, two from the Borough of Queens Memorial and Executive Committee, four

from that of the Borough of Manhattan, and five from that of the Borough of Brooklyn."

The report of the Auditing Committee was submitted to the Council of Administration and approved unanimously. It showed a balance on hand of \$204.30.

On motion duly made and seconded, and carried, it was

Resolved, That it be recommended that each Camp Commander be directed within thirty days after his election to forward to Department Headquarters the name and address of the Commander, Adjutant and Quartermaster of his Camp, and its time and place of meeting.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was recommended that the Department Commander revoke the charters of Camps 50, 54 and 55. The Department Commander offered the following resolution, which on motion duly made, seconded and carried, was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, Under the guidance of the present National Administration, U. S. W. V., the Order has been extended by the muster in of over seventy additional Camps and enlarged by the installation of five new Departments, accompanied by other progressive activities, all of which constitute a record of efficient achievement unparalleled by any National Administration since the inception of the Order; and

Whereas, The labors of our Commander-in-Chief facilitated by the unstinting co-operation of the present Adjutant-General, and his faithful staff of collaborators at National Headquarters have been rendered in the spirit of self-sacrifice, and in devotion to the patriotic purposes and pure ideals of our beloved Order. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Council of Administration of the Department of New York, U. S. W. V., in assembly duly convened at the New York Department Headquarters on the 26th day of June, 1909, that it approves of the high plane of efficiency attained by the National Administration, and gives expression to the sentiments of gratitude of the Comrades of the Department of New York to the Commander-in-Chief, Charles W. Newton, for his magnificent leadership; and be it furthermore

Resolved, That the Adjutant of the Department of New York transmit this resolution to the Commander-in-Chief.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Department Commander was authorized to appoint a committee to consider the question of retaining members in the Order. He thereupon announced the appointment of the following committee to report thereon to the approaching Department Encampment; Comrades John S. Adair, Peter E. Bartnett, E. W. O'Brien, Charles Bormann, Jesse F. Ford and Ralph H. Parker.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was

Resolved, That a semi-annual departmental per capita tax of 12½ cents due and payable July 1, 1909, for the term ending December 31, 1909, be levied on each Comrade in the Department.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Council adjourned sine die.

A meeting of the Council of Administration was held in the Redstone hotel, Oswego, August 1, 1909. Department Commander Maurice Simmons presided.

Present: Department Commander Maurice Simmons, Department Senior Vice-Commander John D. Driscoll, and Department Junior Vice-Commander Emil Wohler, and the following members of the Council: Comrades Allen, Ehmann and Havens, Junior Vice-Department Commander Wohler, acting as secretary.

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be opened. (Carried.)

It was moved and seconded that the meeting adopt a rule limiting each delegate to five minutes time in discussing any one subject. (Carried.)

It was moved and seconded that the compensation of the Department Adjutant and Department Quartermaster be fixed at \$100 each. (Carried.)

It was moved and seconded that the compensation of the two Assistant Department Adjutants be placed at \$25 each. (Carried.)

The meeting then adjourned.

COMRADE WALL:

I move that the report be approved.

COMRADE WEIL:

I second the motion. (Carried.)

The Department Commander presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That resolutions commendatory of the course of Hon. Seymour Lowman, member of the Assembly, and Hon. Benn Conger, member of the Senate, in causing the enactment of chapter 288, Laws of 1909, with reference to Memorial Day moneys for cities of the third class, be adopted and copies thereof forwarded to each of them.

The committee recommends its adoption. (Carried.)

The following resolution was presented:

Resolved, That no resolutions be considered by the Committee on Resolutions which are not in the hands of that committee at the time of the adjournment of the morning session on Tuesday, August 3.

The committee recommends its adoption. (Carried.)

COMRADE DRISCOLL:

I move that we adjourn until after the parade, returning to this hall direct from the parade.

COMRADE MORIAN:

I second the motion. (Carried.)

The session adjourned at 1:15 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The Encampment will be in order. We will now have the report of the Committee on the State of the Organization.

Report of Committee on State of Organization.

COMRADE COURT:

This committee has had a number of resolutions submitted to it which were also submitted to the Committee on Rules and Regulations. We are going to try as far as is possible to make things so

that they will jibe and that there will be no contrasts between the two decisions. We propose to read only those that have been adopted by the committee in order to save time.

The following resolution has been presented:

Resolved, That we indorse the administration of Charles W. Newton, as Commander-in-Chief, by a rising vote.

COMRADE WARD:

I second the motion. (Carried.)

The following resolution was presented by the Department Commander:

Resolved, That we express to Mrs. Kathryn Fellows, Department President of the Ladies' Auxiliary, our earnest appreciation of her constant aid in strengthening this Department during her term of office.

The committee recommends its adoption. (Carried.)

The following resolution was presented by the Department Commander:

Resolved, That each Camp Commander be requested to have his Adjutant, or other Comrade, forward to the local newspapers for insertion accounts of Camp meetings, other functions and matters of interest to Spanish War Veterans.

The committee recommends its adoption. (Carried.)

The Department Commander presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That as an incentive to recruiting, Camp Commanders be directed to deliver a membership application blank to each recruit after obligation at the altar, with a direction to utilize it before the succeeding muster of the Camp.

The committee recommends its adoption. (Carried.)

Presented by the Department Commander:

Resolved, That in official communications Camp officers be directed to use Camp stationary alone, which for the facilitation of the Camp and Departmental business should contain at the top thereof, at least the name, number and location of the Camp, the

time and place of its stated meetings, and the names and addresses of the Commander, Adjutant and Quartermaster.

The committee recommends its adoption. (Carried.)

Presented by the Department Commander:

Resolved, That the Commanders, in advance of special Camp functions, be requested to forward the particulars thereof to the Department Adjutant, for inclusion in General Orders, in order that these functions by proper publicity may be patronized by members of neighboring Camps and harmonious relations thereby encouraged.

The committee recommends its adoption. (Carried.)

Presented by Comrade Williams (West Point):

Resolved, That this Encampment request the National Encampment to further the cause of the twenty-five year retirement bill for soldiers in the regular service of the United States.

The committee recommends its adoption. (Carried.)

The following resolution was presented:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Department be extended to Secretary of State Samuel S. Koenig and Thomas F. Fennell, Deputy Secretary of State, for their kindness to the committee who visited Albany during the legislative session.

The committee recommends its adoption. (Carried.)

Presented by Comrade Dineen (Brooklyn):

Resolved, That the incoming administration be instructed to endeavor to secure the passage of a bill at the next session of the Legislature to amend the Public Printing Law of the State so as to include the printing of the annual proceedings of the Department Encampment of the State of New York, United Spanish War Veterans, the same to be done gratis and copies to be furnished to all entitled thereto.

The committee recommends its adoption. (Carried.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

We will now have the report of the Finance Committee.

Report of Committee on Finance.

COMRADE WOHLER:

The Committee on Finance begs to report that it has examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Department Quartermaster, and find them to be correct, well kept and in good condition. We find, after a careful examination, the balance of the Department Quartermaster to be \$645.16.

COMRADE LAKESTREAM:

I move that the report of the Department Quartermaster's finances be accepted and the committee discharged with thanks.

COMRADE WEIL:

I second the motion. (Carried.)

Presented by the Department Commander:

Resolved, That our delegates to the approaching National Encampment be instructed to vote for the adoption of resolutions by it, requesting National legislation for the removal of the wreck of the U. S. S. Maine and the removal of the bodies of our martyred Comrades from Havana Harbor, and that copies thereof be forwarded by National Headquarters to the President and Vice-President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of the Navy, and the members of the Naval Committees of Congress.

The committee recommends its adoption. (Carried.)

Presented by the Department Commander:

Resolved, That resolutions be adopted requesting national legislation for the removal of the wreck of the U. S. S. Maine and the recovery of the bodies of our martyred Comrades from Havana Harbor, a copy of which shall be forwarded to the President and Vice-President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of the Navy, and each member of the Congressional delegation from the State of New York.

The committee recommends its adoption. (Carried.)

Presented by the Department Commander:

Resolved, That the Department Commander appoint a committee to gather contributions and make provision for a permanent me-

monial to the memory of our late Department Commander, Rear Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan.

The committee recommends its adoption. (Carried.)

Presented by Comrade Wall (New York):

Resolved, That the endeavor in the field of U. S. W. V. publicity by the publishers of the U. S. W. V. Review, Comrade O. Pettijohn, editor, be heartily commended by this Encampment, and that his efforts are worthy of the support of the organization.

The committee recommends its adoption. (Carried.)

Presented by Comrade Wall (New York):

Resolved, That this Encampment commend the activities of Comrade William D. Tucker, National Aide, who is the manager of the U. S. W. V. Department of the National Guard Magazine, in promoting publicity and stimulating interest amongst the units of our order, and believe his endeavors worthy of support.

The committee recommends its adoption. (Carried.)

Presented by Comrade Clare (New York):

Resolved, That in view of the fact that a greater and more fraternal spirit is being evinced by the G. A. R. toward us as the years pass on, it would be most expedient and in keeping with the conduct of soldier with soldier, to hold the next U. S. W. V. Encampment of the Department of New York at the same time and place as that of the G. A. R., and getting by such an operation the advantage of better rates and an increased feeling of the comradely spirit for which we so devotedly hope; that the Council of Administration be empowered to make the date and place of the next Department Encampment, taking into consideration the desires of those Camps who, at the previous Encampment, desired to extend hospitality to us.

The Committee does not recommend its adoption. (Rejected.)

COMRADE CLARE:

I move that the resolution as presented be adopted by this Encampment.

COMRADE C. A. SIMMONS:

I second the motion. (Carried.)

Presented by Comrade Greenbaum (New York):

Resolved, That this Department take the necessary steps relative to procuring an appropriation by Congress for the purchase and distribution of Philippine medals, the original appropriation having been exhausted.

The committee recommends its adoption. (Carried.)

Presented by Comrade Lakestream (New York):

Resolved, That the Department Inspector elected by this Encampment be requested to make as many inspections as possible before the end of the present year to determine what progress has been made in the memorization of the ritual by the officers of the Camps reporting an imperfect knowledge of said ritual.

The committee recommends its adoption. (Carried.)

COMRADE LAKESTREAM:

I move that the resolution as read be adopted by this Encampment.

COMRADE LANDAU:

I second the motion. (Carried.)

Presented by Comrade Wall:

WHEREAS, The formation of rifle clubs would be most beneficial to our Order, stimulating interest among the members in the soldierly art of hitting bulls-eyes, and thus creating a potential force of much use to our country in time of war; and it would be the means of making for a new diversion in the Camps and add some degree of publicity to the Order;

Resolved, That the Congress of the United States be urged to make such provision as would give authority to the War Department to issue rifles to Camps requesting same, together with ammunition, at a moderate price, in order to carry out the provisions of the foregoing;

Resolved, That the foregoing be referred to the National Encampment at Tacoma for favorable action, and the Commander-in-Chief authorized to get authority for Camps to use government ranges, and have Department Commanders request like authority to use State ranges.

The committee recommends its adoption. (Carried.)

Presented by Comrade Joel (Mount Vernon):

Resolved, In the event of future Encampments lasting three days, the Department Commander be requested to ask the various Federal, State, county and city officials to add sufficient time in which the delegates may go to and from the Encampments.

The committee recommends its adoption. (Carried.)

The following resolution was presented:

Resolved, That all moneys appropriated by the State or a smaller locality for the U. S. W. V. be distributed per capita as far as practicable.

The committee recommends its adoption. (Carried.)

The following resolution was presented by Wilson Camp No. 59:

Resolved, That the delegates from this Encampment to the National Encampment be directed to present a resolution calling upon the National Encampment to adopt a hailing sign and words of recognition for the use of the Comrades of this organization.

The committee recommends its adoption. (Carried.)

COMRADE COURT, Chairman Committee on State of the Organization:

That is all that your committee has to report at the present time.

COMRADE MENDELSON:

I move that the committee be discharged with the thanks of this Encampment.

COMRADE DALY:

I second the motion. (Carried.)

COMRADE KEITHLEY:

The Committee on Rules and Regulations is unable to make a final report now. I, therefore, move its discharge and the resolutions on hand be referred to the incoming administration and the special committee to be appointed.

COMRADE MURPHY:

I second the motion. (Carried.)

COMRADE ASHMAN:

I now move that we adjourn until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

COMRADE HALLER:

I second the motion.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I will call for a rising vote.

The Department Commander announced "Yeas, 20 and Noes 81."

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The motion is lost.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:

If you will allow me just one word. National Headquarters have under discussion plans for the revision of the Rules and Regulations, and other matters which you now have under discussion, and will report to the National Encampment a complete revision which will be in line with what you are trying to work out.

COMRADE CLARE:

I move to refer to the delegates to the National Encampment all matters that have reference to changes in the National Rules and Regulations, and to the special revision committee to be appointed by the Department Commander all matters that have to do with the changes in Departmental Rules and Regulations.

COMRADE DALY:

I second the motion. (Carried.)

At 6:50 P. M. the Department Commander directed the Department Inspector to take the chair.

Chairman Olivier, Committee on Credentials, reported the following delegates added to the list: Camp No. 4, H. E. Smith and Clinton P. Hamilton; 12, John H. Grant; 19, Daniel J. Murphy; 1, Frank A. Moore; 21, Henry Schimler; 83, William J. Hooper; 12, Hamilton Ward; 16, William F. Morian.

COMRADE CLARE:

I move that the report of the committee be accepted and the committee discharged with thanks.

COMRADE COURT:

I second the motion. (Carried.)

COMRADE CLARE:

Commander, I make a motion that we proceed with the roll call of Camps for nominations; it was seconded, but not put; I again move that we proceed to nominations for officers.

COMRADE DALY:

Second the motion. (Carried.)

Comrade Driscoll took the chair at 7.30 P. M.

COMRADE DRISCOLL:

We will now proceed with the roll call of Camps for the nominations of officers. I call for nominations for Department Commander.

COMRADE WATSON:

Mr. Chairman and Comrades: I hardly feel like making any extended remarks to place a gentleman in nomination. Deeply conscious as I am of the great honor conferred upon me and aware of the great responsibility that has been thrust upon me by those of my Comrades who have enlisted under the banner of American ideas, I take courage in the fact that mine is a pleasant duty of presenting to you, him whom I believe should be the unanimous choice of this encampment for the office of Department Commander. There is a little adage, "Where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise." Hundreds of years ago people believed and were content to believe that the earth was flat, but in time men began to believe that the world was round, and Christopher Columbus was not only firm of this belief, but he went farther than the fellows of his time and believed there was land beyond the sea and set forward on a voyage of discovery, and behold, a new world was presented to the people of the earth. They "came, saw and conquered," and in time settlers came and colonies were formed. But ignorant of

their rights and strength, the Fatherland oppressed them, until the colonies thought that they ought to be free and independent. Time and time again America's sons have been called to enforce this principle of liberty. Every bar and every star in the star-spangled banner proclaims liberty. Is it any wonder that the Comrades of 1898 declared that the war carried on in Cuba was contrary to the laws of humanity and that the people of Cuba should be free and independent, and that is why I am here to-day. You, the flower of your country, were willing to lay down your lives and sacrifice yourself so that an oppressed people be free and that this noble principle of liberty should be enforced. I believe that this organization should support the man who has achieved something and one who has been faithful to the cause to which he has devoted himself. I believe that spite should be laid aside and personal feeling and racial feeling should be discredited. (Applause.) Be this as it may, he is an open book to you. He has not had the advantages of birth and environment only open to those of the wealthy. He has risen step by step on the ladder of progress and achievement, and now stands forth in your midst like a star in the heavens. From storm and darkness this brilliant young leader has risen in our midst and, as you well know, has led our organization into safe anchorage and the quiet harbor of progress and success. Our staunch vessel is discharging a valuable cargo to provide for our needs. We are about to launch a new ship on another year's voyage. It is up to you to choose the captain. There are rocks to meet and perhaps dangerous channels to be navigated. Would it not be well to accept the same captain. (Applause and cheers.) It is written on his service papers "service faithful and honorable." He is a tried, true and efficient captain, and I therefore take great pleasure in presenting in nomination for Department Commander, Maurice Simmons. (Prolonged cheers and applause.)

COMRADE O'ROURKE:

I second the nomination.

COMRADE LARKIN:

I move that the nominations be closed.

COMRADE WEIL:

Second the motion. (Carried.)

COMRADE WEIL:

I move that the Department Adjutant be directed to cast one ballot for Comrade Maurice Simmons for the office of Department Commander.

CHAIRMAN:

The motion has been made and seconded to close the nominations. All in favor will signify in the usual manner. (Carried.)

COMRADE CLARE:

A motion has been made to cast one ballot for Maurice Simmons as Commander; I second that motion. (Carried.)

COMRADE LARKIN:

I move an amendment to the motion now before the Encampment; that Maurice Simmons be elected by acclamation.

COMRADE CLARE:

I withdraw my second to the previous motion.

COMRADE DRISCOLL:

That motion has been carried.

COMRADE O'ROURKE:

I move that two tellers be appointed by the Chair.

COMRADE BECKHARDT:

Second the motion. (Carried.)

The Chair appointed Comrade E. C. Keithley (Brooklyn), and Comrade George J. Reyhing as tellers.

COMRADE DRISCOLL:

We will now proceed with the nominations for Senior Vice-Commander.

COMRADE LAKESTREAM:

I do not need fifteen minutes to tell you of my nomination. My candidate is a good fellow; none better in the Department; none

more deserving of the office to which you are going to elect him. He has held an important office in this Department. He has rendered conspicuous service to the Department. There is no question in my mind, and there should hardly be any in yours, that he will do his duty as a man, soldier and Comrade. I place before you the name of William J. Cunningham, of Troy. (Cheers and applause.)

COMRADE COURT:

I have great pleasure in seconding the nomination.

COMRADE O'DONNELL:

I move that the nominations be closed.

COMRADE CLARE:

Second the motion. (Carried.)

COMRADE MARTIN:

Camp Anderson wishes to move that this Encampment direct the Department Adjutant to cast one ballot for William J. Cunningham for the office of Senior Vice-Commander.

COMRADE COURT:

Second the motion. (Carried.)

The Department Adjutant announced that he found one ballot cast for William J. Cunningham as Senior Vice-Commander.

The Department Commander resumed the chair at 8.10 p. m.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

We will now proceed with the nominations for Junior Vice Department Commander.

COMRADE WALL:

Most of you were at the last Encampment in Troy and will recall that a certain Comrade withdrew from the candidacy for the office of Junior Vice-Commander in favor of a man from the western part of the State. We all remember it and said at the time that that man is deserving of anything whenever he wants it. I wish to state that the largest Camp in the United States, Manhattan Camp No. 1, has not been represented in the depart-

mental official life, with the exception of the Council of Administration, for several years. Here is a Camp that is paying a great deal of per capita tax in this Department as well as to the National organization, and it seems to me and to the Comrades of my Camp who came here as delegates that Manhattan ought to be represented in an elective way. It gives me great pleasure to put in nomination Past Commander John S. Adair. (Applause.)

COMRADE CLARE:

I rise on behalf of Old Guard Camp No. 19, and its delegates, to second the nomination.

COMRADE C. A. SIMMONS:

I take great pleasure in nominating Comrade F. D. Culkin, of Oswego, for the office of Junior Vice-Commander.

COMRADE O'ROURKE:

I second the nomination of Comrade Culkin.

COMRADE FELTMAN:

I move that the nominations be closed.

COMRADE DALY:

Second the motion. (Carried.)

The tellers announced the vote cast as follows: For Comrade Culkin, 84; for Comrade Adair, 42.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I declare Comrade Culkin elected to the office of Junior Vice-Commander.

COMRADE ADAIR:

I move you, sir, that the election be made unanimous.

COMRADE DRISCOLL:

Second the motion. (Carried.)

COMRADE KEITHLEY:

I move that the Commander appoint a committee to select nominees for the Department Council of Administration and the

four members or delegates at large to the National Encampment, and their alternates.

COMRADE BECKHARDT:

Second the motion. (Carried.)

The Department Commander appointed on said committee Comrades Johnson, Mendelsohn, Fraser and Woods.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

We will now proceed with the election for the office of Department Inspector.

COMRADE WALL:

I take great pleasure in nominating Comrade Frank D. Lakestream for the office of Department Inspector.

COMRADE OLIVIER:

Second the nomination.

COMRADE DINEEN:

I move that the nominations be closed.

COMRADE BECKHARDT:

I second the motion. (Carried.)

COMRADE DALY:

I move that the election of Frank D. Lakestream for the office of Department Inspector be by acclamation.

COMRADE STEVENS:

Second the motion. (Carried.)

The Department Commander announced the election of Frank D. Lakestream as Department Inspector.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

We will now proceed with the nominations for the office of Department Medical Director.

COMRADE COURT:

I place in nomination the name of Garrett V. Johnson, of Schenectady.

COMRADE DALY:

I second the nomination.

COMRADE O'ROURKE:

I move that the nominations be closed.

COMRADE DINEEN:

Second the motion. (Carried.)

COMRADE O'ROURKE:

I move that Garrett V. Johnson be elected to the office of Department Medical Director by acclamation.

COMRADE DALY:

Second the motion. (Carried.)

The Department Commander announced the election of Garrett V. Johnson, elected Department Medical Director by acclamation.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

We will proceed with nominations for the office of Judge-Advocate.

COMRADE DRISCOLL:

For the first time in the history of the Spanish War Veterans I rise to make a nomination. I place in nomination a man who will fill that office with honor. I present the name of James F. Court.

COMRADE HERRICK:

I second the motion.

COMRADE BECKHARDT:

I nominate W. Martin Watson.

COMRADE DALY:

I second the nomination.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I will appoint Comrade Driscoll a special committee to ascertain if they will accept the office if elected.

Comrade Driscoll reports that W. Martin Watson cannot again accept the nomination.

COMRADE BECKHARDT:

I withdraw my nomination.

COMRADE O'ROURKE:

I move that the nominations be closed.

COMRADE DALY:

Second the motion. (Carried.)

COMRADE SPOLDERS:

I move that the election of James F. Court to the office of Judge-Advocate be by acclamation.

COMRADE BYRNES:

Second the motion.

The Department Commander announced the election of James P. Court to the office of Department Judge-Advocate by acclamation.

COMRADE DRISCOLL:

Again I appear before you to make a nomination. Comrades and shipmates, I have no higher honor that can be bestowed upon me or any Comrade of this Encampment. I know of a man who has successfully filled the office that he now holds and who for eighteen years has served his country as he has served his church, both faithfully and honorably in all times. We look back over the pages of history and we find there are men of the same cloth who have devoted their lives to their country. We have again with us this man who not only has consecrated his life to his church, but at the same time has consecrated it to the Stars and Stripes, and has served it ever since. Comrades, I am not going to take up any time with oratory or any especial extended remarks concerning this man. You have known him longer than I have. But in my short acquaintance with him he has proven to be a noble and pure citizen, a soldier and a gentleman, and no higher

tribute can be paid to him — he is a good priest. I present to you the name of Comrade W. H. I. Reaney for the office of Department Chaplain. (Cheers and applause.)

COMRADE WHALEN:

I second the nomination.

COMRADE DREIS:

I move that the nominations be closed.

COMRADE BECKHARDT:

I second the motion. (Carried.)

COMRADE DREIS:

I move that the Adjutant be directed to cast one ballot for Comrade Reaney as Department Chaplain.

COMRADE O'ROURKE:

Second the motion. (Carried.)

The Department Adjutant announced that one ballot was cast for the Rev. W. H. I. Reaney for the office of Department Chaplain.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

We will proceed to the election of a Department Marshal.

COMRADE C. A. SIMMONS:

In Rochester we have a Camp that is pretty large. We ask if you care to extend the courtesy that you send this office to us. It is merely an honorary one. I present the name of Comrade Barry of Rochester.

COMRADE HALLER:

I second the nomination.

COMRADE WHALEN:

I nominate Comrade D. F. Hines of New Rochelle.

COMRADE BYRNES:

I second the nomination.

COMRADE DALY:

I wish to place in nomination the present incumbent, T. J. O'Donnell.

COMRADE DRISCOLL:

I second the nomination.

COMRADE O'DONNELL:

I withdraw in favor of Comrade Hines of New Rochelle.

COMRADE BECKHARDT:

I move that we have a rising vote.

COMRADE WHALEN:

Second the motion.

The tellers announced the following vote: For Comrade Barry, 41; for Comrade Hines, 33.

The Department Commander announced the election of Comrade Barry, of Rochester, as Department Marshal.

COMRADE DALY:

I move that a rising vote of thanks be given to Comrade Clare for his efficient work with reference to the transportation of delegates to this Encampment.

COMRADE BYRNES:

Second the motion. (Carried.)

COMRADE LAKESTREAM:

I move that the incoming administration in its discretion be authorized to print and distribute an appropriate account of this Encampment.

COMRADE HERRICK:

Second the motion. (Carried.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

We will now have the report of the committee to propose nominations for the Council of Administration and delegates to the National Encampment.

COMRADE JOHNSON:

Your committee nominates for members of the Council of Administration the following Comrades: P. F. Harney, New York; John Finnerty, Brooklyn; John Devane, New York; John Schlechter, Brooklyn; B. E. Liddell, Utica; C. W. Herrick, Oneonta; W. M. Bemus, Jamestown, and C. E. Haller, Buffalo.

COMRADE BECKHARDT:

I move that the selections of the committee be approved and they be declared elected the Council of Administration for the coming year.

COMRADE DALY:

I second the motion. (Carried.)

COMRADE JOHNSON:

Your committee nominates for delegates-at-large to the National Encampment from this Department the following Comrades: W. Martin Watson, New York; John D. Driscoll, Elmira; John F. Dwyer, Brooklyn, and Charles Olivier, Troy; and as alternates, Comrades B. Wall, New York; R. Flinch, Brooklyn; Thos. Kelly, New York, and T. J. O'Donnell, New York.

COMRADE WALL:

I move that the selections of the committee be approved and they be declared elected the delegates-at-large and alternates to the National Encampment.

COMRADE DALY:

Second the motion. (Carried.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Comrade Driscoll will please take the chair.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

We realize that the office of Chaplain-in-Chief is an important one. I move that the delegates to the National Encampment from the Department of New York be instructed to nominate and use every possible endeavor to secure the election to the office of Chaplain-in-Chief of Comrade W. H. I. Reaney.

COMRADE JOHNSON:

I second the motion. (Carried.)

COMRADE O'DONNELL:

I move that a rising vote of thanks be given to the city officials and the press of Oswego for their courtesies during this Encampment.

COMRADE DALY:

Second the motion. (Carried.)

COMRADE WALL:

I move that the delegates to the National Encampment from this Department be instructed to nominate and use every endeavor to secure the election of Comrade William D. Tucker as National Historian.

COMRADE DALY:

Second the motion. (Carried.)

COMRADE LAKESTREAM:

I move that this the Sixth Annual Encampment of the Department of New York, United Spanish War Veterans, do now adjourn sine die.

COMRADE OATES:

I second the motion. (Carried.)

The Encampment adjourned at 9:55 P. M., August 3, 1909.

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SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y., AUGUST 1-3, 1910.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SEVENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT.

The Encampment was called to order by the Department Commander, Maurice Simmons, Monday, August 1, 1910, at 10:25 A. M.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

As a preliminary to the opening of this Encampment, I detail as Acting Department Marshal, Comrade McBride of New York City Camp No. 23. He will report for instructions at once.

COMRADE B. K. WALBRIDGE:

Delegates, Ladies and Friends: It is a great pleasure to me to introduce the various speakers that will open this Encampment. I will be very brief, because we are a little late to-day, and I know we want to get down to work.

Years ago, when I was a small boy, I had two ideas; one was that I wanted to go to war, and the other, that I wanted to be a rich man. It took me about twenty-five years before I went to war, and I should think it will take fifty years before I get rich. But I am satisfied and I am very glad that I was in the Spanish War. I look back to it with a good deal of pride, as all of us do that were there. While our records are not full with bloody encounters like those of the Civil War Veterans, still, we did all that was asked, and I am sure that no one is readier than the Civil War Veterans to give us credit.

As a prelude to this Encampment, I have the particular pleasure of introducing to you a pastor, who will make the opening prayer to this Encampment, the Rev. John McMahon.

Prayer, delivered by the Rev. John McMahon, of Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

COMRADE WALBRIDGE:

I have now the pleasure of introducing to you the official representative of the village. The president of the village was called away, and he left to extend to this Encampment a welcome by a

citizen who has, to my memory, for the last twenty years been only too glad to prepare and to deliver to the G. A. R. a talk on every Decoration Day, and who is a man that the G. A. R. have always enjoyed hearing. It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you, to give the welcome from the president of the village to this Encampment, the Hon. Charles M. Davidson. (Applause.)

HON. CHARLES M. DAVIDSON:

Commander, officers and members of the Seventh Department Encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans, ladies of the Auxiliary: Within this broad land or ours, fertile, fair and gay from British lines to the Gulf, from the ocean to the Golden-Gate, there is no place more renowned in the past, or famous in the present, than Saratoga; renowned in the past as the place in which were had those early strifes and victories which made possible our freedom and the liberty we enjoy; famous in the present as excelled by none in natural beauty or in life-giving fountains. Situated at a high altitude, its air is made pure by breezes from the Adirondacks, its atmosphere bracing, its climate even.

By reason of events here transpiring, affecting the course of our national life, Saratoga is deemed consecrated ground. Its title is not vested exclusively in its citizens or in any particular body. It is a domain of inheritance; an indefeasible estate, belonging to the entire world. The same patriotic impulse which has ever drawn the pilgrim to shrines of liberty, leads him with equal force to this historic ground.

At the request of our respected President, Mr. McNulty, who is unavoidably absent to-day, the distinguished privilege is conferred upon me of extending to you, in the name and in behalf of our citizens, a glad and friendly welcome; but, I am greatly impressed that your coming here should not be taken as due from an invitation from us — although we are hospitable and receive you cordially — it is rather the exercise of an inalienable right, vested in you — the taking possession of a common heritage. Thus, consecrated by a traditional and historic past and blessed by God and nature with those elements which conspire in life and health, Saratoga has been in the past and will continue in the

future, to be a place most fitting and pre-eminent for the gathering of the people; and as this is true of one and all, so in a special sense and in a particular manner, does it apply to those, like yourselves, who have rendered signal service to the cause of freedom and humanity.

Consider those sacred events which cluster around you here. Every ancient mound is a faithful chronicler, and every venerable tree a trusty witness to some great and daring deed. Look to the east and the glories of Bemus-Heights and the surrender of Burgoyne are presented to view in their realistic presence. Look to the south and you see the land which gave to the nation at our civil strife its first hero and after his death at Alexandria, received back into holy keeping his sacred ashes. Look to the north and behold McGregor's Heights blest with the closing life of Grant, the nation's defender. Look to the west and view the soil where in early days those memorable conflicts were had, in the French and Indian Wars, which made for the uplifting and betterment of man and enured to and greatly hastened the establishment of our freedom and national life, graphically described and depicted by Parkman in his histories and blended into and made a part of that beautiful tale of Cooper, "The Last of the Mohicans," and it is worthy of note, that, in the neighboring village of Ballston Spa, Doubleday was born, he who fired the first shot at the Rebellion in defense of the Union and her flag at Fort Sumter.

As I stand here to-day in your presence, the thought comes, how your valiant and heroic deeds rendered for humanity, greatly accentuates the undoubted truth, that our foundation stones are living principles and not dead issues; that the power and force which continues and keeps alive our national existence is not so much the personal acts and deeds of our fathers (however mighty and precious though they be) but rather, their love of liberty and the right of freedom for all humanity, were so earnestly believed and faithfully taught by them, that the seed of that teaching took root in the hearts and minds of the people, and will ever bear fruitage in the lives and actions of succeeding generations.

When the cry for help and deliverance came from Cuba, and you went to her succor and relief, your own land was not invaded nor needed defense; but, accepting the "Monroe Doctrine" as a

precedent for your action, and allowing full vent and play to the patriotic impulses of your inherited nature, you gave expression to the faith of your fathers and made certain the fact that the structure of the Republic rests firmly and securely for all time on those principles of right and justice which will ever live and abide in the hearts and minds of our citizenship.

All hail, therefore, ye valiant sons of America. Ye, who have labored and suffered for the rights of others, communing with danger and compromising with death, that the blessings which you have and possess should be richly given and enjoyed by others. All hail, ye apostles of liberty, who have planted our standards and unfurled our flag in foreign lands and on hostile shores, that the chains of bondage would be broken and the fetters of oppression destroyed, that the people in darkness would see our light and rejoice in the advent of our redemption. Hail to all ye, who have done these noble things, glorifying yourselves by making good the hopes and fulfilling the desires of your fathers. To all ye, who have done these mighty deeds, we bid you welcome; the ground is yours, the gates are open, come ye in and possess the land. (Cheers and applause.)

COMRADE WALBRIDGE:

Delegates, it is my pleasure now to introduce to you a man who has seen service in the United States Navy, a man who is known in this town, in this community, as a United States Government man, and who is looked upon as a man who knows what service means. In addition to that and being known in that way, he was the father of a man that was a born soldier, a boy that I grew up with, and is known in this town, and in this vicinity, as a born soldier. He had the West Point training; he would not have needed it. He afterwards enlisted from this town and went out and did service in the Spanish-American War. Upon his return he was taken sick, and he died. Before he died he received a commission as a Lieutenant in the Army, and it was his misfortune while he was alive never to have known that he had this commission.

I want to introduce this man to you to speak as a G. A. R. man, to give you a welcome from the hearts of the G. A. R. men.

We have been offered here in this town every possible courtesy at the hands of the G. A. R., and as an evidence of it, it is my pleasure at this time to introduce Commodore A. De R. McNair.

COMMODORE A. DE R. MCNAIR:

Commander, Comrades, and my Comrades of the Spanish-American War, Ladies of the Relief Corps.— It is with some hesitation and trepidation that I, a plain soldier, take the rostrum after my silver-tongued predecessor to speak to you. But I have a message to you, which I will give you in a straightforward way, from my brother veterans of the older war — the Civil War. It is a message of welcome, a sincere welcome from the heart. We are glad to see you. We welcome you to our historic village, and we shall do all in our power to make your stay with us comfortable and pleasant. We hope that it will be profitable to you and to the Order which you represent here.

We remember with some encouragement and hope how, when the mother-country called for men, you responded. As time went on, and on land and sea your achievements were of such a character as to warrant it, our feelings merged into pride. We were proud of you. We do not forget how you left your comfortable homes, your business, your sweethearts and wives, to accept the discomforts of camp, the march and the battle line. We lived our lives over again in you. History repeats itself. Your experiences were very much the same as ours. And when I speak of you I must not forget the women — God bless them. (Applause.) They served their country not as men, but better still, as only women can, in the hospitals, in the fever camps, taking the last words from the dying. I have the greatest respect for those women.

A foreign officer who was present in Cuba, told me that your feats of arms there on land measured well up to the high standard of the Anglo-Saxon race. The charge up San Juan Hill, without the aid of artillery, those of you who have had experience know was an abnormal thing. This officer said to me, "My God, this is not war. Can it be possible that you went up there?" And you made good. Now, I see some blue jackets here, and I have been for fifty-four years an officer of the Navy. I am going to say a word for them and for you about the Navy. In the whole history of naval warfare there has been nothing comparable to the utter annihilation, both at Santiago, and in the harbor of Manila

on the 1st of May. (A voice: "We licked them." Applause.) When you got through the enemy's ships were a mass of smoking wrecks. There is nothing in history that will compare with it. So you must not be surprised that we felt proud of you. There are two other things that I am going to speak to you about. I am going to be brief, because I know you want to get to business. It is your proud fortune to be the instrumentality of two things: First, you know our friends in Europe said that we had become emasculated; we were no longer the virile race of our progenitors, because of luxury and commercialism. Now, you gave the lie to that calumny; you gave the lie on land and sea to that calumny that you were not up to the standard of our forefathers. The other thing is better still. Thank God, we are a united nation again. (Applause.) The sons of the old Confederates and of the old Union troops marched shoulder to shoulder together in your war, and no longer have we a North or a South, or East or West, but we are all Americans, striving and making for the best in our national life.

In conclusion, I will again welcome you here to this beautiful place, and I would say that we of the Grand Army own a little hall that is near by. You will always be welcome there. You will know it by the flag flying in front of the door, the flag under which you marched, and which we followed for four long years; and the latch string, Comrades, hangs out. (Cheers and applause.)

COMRADE WALBRIDGE:

Delegates, this will conclude the introductory remarks, and I want to say that we have a Saratoga Camp, No. 58. If you do not see what you want, ask for it, and we will try to give it to you. If we cannot, we will tell you so.

It was the pleasure of this Camp to hear Adjutant Dunson say some months ago that he could get this Encampment, and so he went down there, and we were very much pleased to hear that the Council of Administration decided to come here. I can assure you that to Past Commander Dunson, of this Camp, is due the credit in large part of the preparations, and to Past National Aide Giersberg for the part he took. In addition to that all the men have helped in the work and deserve credit for the success of their efforts.

It is now my pleasure to introduce to you Department Commander Maurice Simmons. (Cheers and applause.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Commander Walbridge, Mr. Davidson, Shipmate McNair, Comrades (I should have said "Ladies," but "Comrades" always embrace the ladies, anyhow. Laughter).—I wish to say to the representatives of the local Camp, to the representative of the Grand Army of the Republic, and to the distinguished and eloquent gentleman who officially presents to us the greetings of the village of Saratoga, immortal in fame and story, that we would not be doing our duty if we did not give expression to our first sweet impressions of the ideal spirit of hospitality displayed by the village of Saratoga to us, the perfection of its arrangements in ministering to our wants, and the whole-souled manner in which the citizens of Saratoga have made every provision for our comfort. Let me say that at the opening of my remarks, so that if I do not get beyond the opening sentence, at least I can go down with grace in my heart and with courtesy on my lips. (Applause.) We have listened to, and been edified by the scholarly presentation of the merits, the traditions, and the history of Saratoga Springs, presented in so charming a manner by our genial friend, for whom we will violate traditions by calling "Comrade" Davidson. (Applause.) And it needs none of the virile, straight-from-the-shoulder remarks of the distinguished sailor who succeeded him, Shipmate McNair, to let us know the attitude of the Grand Army of the Republic. (Applause.)

In our hearts we have carved a perpetual niche which is occupied by the survivors of the Grand Army, and we always turn with deference, and we always bend the knee in reverence to those distinguished warriors of the Republic, who, thank God, are still with us. Although the eternal snows of winter are on their brows, we still know that the sun of summer still shines in their hearts. The very fact that we are Spanish War Veterans, the very fact that we are here to-day, is due to their sterling deeds in the nation's time of need. No more glorious page in the history of our nation than that page written in the blood and tears of the men who heard the call of Abraham Lincoln, and gave themselves up in sacrifice to

the Nation's ideals. (Applause.) You men know what the traditions of the Grand Army of the Republic are. Who were the men of the land that understood what the heritage of their deeds meant? Why, it was those men in '98, that body of men who were the first to spring forth in response to the President's call to arms, who heard and understood the message of '61, and, therefore, the boys of '98 are the legitimate legatees of the heroes of '61. (Applause.)

Now, Comrades, in closing, I have been asked to present to the local Camp a visible token of the esteem in which some of the sailors of Kings county hold the Comrades of this vicinity. The sailors claim that it was they who made possible the victorious and the triumphant conclusion of the Spanish War. (Applause.)

(A voice: "Second the motion; you can't deny it.")

I did not say that one sailor did it. And they claim that we landsmen have lagged behind and that we have not taken up the spear and the helmet of Mars properly, and they want to induct us into all the intricate mysteries of the profession of arms, and therefore, they have asked me, these shipmates of Admiral Schley Naval Camp — or Squadron, by their request — to present to the landsmen of Saratoga Camp, the key to the great temple of heroic doings, the temple which they claim is built by the sailors, and they want the landsmen to go into their temple and there learn the lesson of the true profession of arms, and with real sailors' generosity they have forged a key as big as a lighthouse (laughter), and now on behalf of these generous sailors, it is my pleasure to present to the Comrades of Saratoga Camp the key which looks to me to be somewhat like that key that opens the pearl-studded gates of Heaven. (Applause). Although the key seems to be founded on the silver standard, it unlocks the treasure house to golden deeds. And now, Commander Walbridge, out of the big hearts of these sailors — because this key is not made out of metal; it is made out of the fibre of their hearts — I present you this key. (Applause.)

COMRADE WALBRIDGE:

I have always said that I would never go to any place and say, "Now, I did not expect to be called upon for a speech." But I am going to do that very same thing. On behalf of Saratoga Camp

No. 58, I must say a few words in token of our appreciation, the appreciation of what we will feel in receiving this key, so beautifully described by Department Commander Simmons, and I want to say we appreciate this on the part of the sailors, and we know that this will open the doors to a very good place. I remember at Tampa, if I had a key like this, and could have gotten down into one of those nice, soft bunks that the sailors had, I would have appreciated it very much. (Applause and laughter.) It is all right that they can do all the fighting, but they do not go up and do any fighting in the sun and mosquitoes and dig trenches. We claim all the glory of that, at least around Tampa. But I do want to thank them on behalf of our Camp for this key, and I assure you that we have always in the past enjoyed very much meeting any of the sailors at our Camp, and we will, we hope, in the future enjoy seeing them very much. With these few words I want to thank them very much for this gift.

The meeting will now be in charge of Department Commander Simmons.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Comrades, you have been provided with pad and pencil. If any idea suggests itself to you that you should bring before the Encampment that is worthy of consideration by this body, reduce it to writing; then when I call for resolutions, merely present your statement to the Adjutant in writing, and it will be referred to the proper committee. The amount of the business of this Encampment is voluminous. I believe it to be far in excess of the business of the last Encampment. Therefore, the necessity of beginning meetings on time. You will not have many business sessions, and I suggest, therefore, that we proceed with all due business despatch. You are here as representatives of your Camps, as trustees for the highest welfare of your Camps and your Department. Your camp cannot come here in a body, but you are sent here as the representative of your Camp to report back to it the proceedings of this Encampment. You have been supplied with the material to jot down whatever memorandum suggests itself to you, so that you may, when you return to your home Camp, deliver a faithful report of the proceedings of this Encampment.

The Adjutant will read the roll call of Department Officers and Camp Commanders.

Department Adjutant calls the roll of Department Officers and Camp Commanders.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

To assist the Department Marshal, I appoint to attend throughout the Encampment, to enforce discipline and maintain order, as Assistant Department Marshal, James J. Regan, of New York, and to assist the Acting Department Marshal in the body of the hall, I appoint as Assistant Department Marshal, Patrick J. Corcoran, who will report for duty. The following committee on credentials is announced:

Committee on Credentials.— M. J. Mendelsohn, Chairman; Jules Lecocq, George H. King, H. A. F. Young, Charles Olivier.

The Committee, before it withdraws for duty, is instructed to issue no credentials to representatives of any Camp which has not paid its per capita tax up to and including December 31, 1910. The Committee will report for duty.

I will now call for the report of the Department Officers.

Report of Department Commander.

*To the Seventh Annual Encampment, Department of New York,
United Spanish War Veterans:*

Pursuant to the requirements of the rules and regulations, I submit the following, as my annual report for the term ending August 3, 1910.

LEGISLATION.

The years of agitation accompanying the preference propaganda were not barren. The efforts of Comrades in village, hamlet, city and State to facilitate the adoption of this proposed constitutional amendment profoundly impressed public and press. The deluge of letters that descended on the Capitol, the personal demands made by delegations of Comrades on their local legislators and the controversy that illuminated the newspaper columns were of inestimable import. The termination of the struggle left the molders of legislation in this mood:

Preference in the civil service we are not prepared to extend to you, but every other reasonable demand will be granted.

Following the enactment, during my previous term, of the Memorial Day amendment for the benefit of our Camps in cities of the third class, Headquarters, at the Oswego Encampment, after mature deliberation, recommended measures of varying and urgent importance. That Encampment commissioned the administration to present, at the ensuing State legislative session, three certain bills. In compliance with that mandate, Headquarters reports the enactment of:

1. The amendment to the Poor Law as chapter 102 of the Laws of 1910;

2. The amendment to the Civil Service Law as chapter 264 of the Laws of 1910;

3. The amendment to the Printing Law, directing the publication of 1,000 copies of the proceedings of the Annual Encampments of this Department for the use of Headquarters, as chapter 392 of the Laws of 1910.

For an insight into the nature and effect of the first two enactments, I quote from paragraph 4 of General Order No. 6, Current Series:

POOR LAW.

This enactment was zealously antagonized by the State Charity Aid Association. For the relief of indigent Comrades and their distressed widows and orphans, our Camps are thereby authorized to disburse the public funds. For us and our dearest kin the law provides an infallible guarantee against the results of impoverishment. To accord similar relief from their limited private funds, fraternal, beneficial and secret societies and lodges must levy assessments and increase the financial obligations of membership. From such obligations we are free. The great privilege of drawing unlimitedly from the public funds vested in our Camps by this statute, must be sacredly guarded from a too quick generosity and the guile of the impostor. Fortified with this statutory insurance against adversity, every eligible must grasp the wisdom of joining the Camp. This same chapter authorizes each Camp to send its indigent to the State Soldiers' Home and supplements the \$50 allowance for the burial of the dead, with a paragraph re-

quiring an appropriation for the erection of tombstones to our deceased Comrades. With a well-diffused knowledge of the nature and operation of this law, the roster of each Camp should be trebled.

CIVIL SERVICE LAW.

By chapter 370, Laws of 1899, veterans of the Spanish-American War were fended from arbitrary removal from public employment. Unobtrusively, chapter 270, Laws of 1902, limited the privilege to volunteers. The legislation now adopted, despite the hostility of the Civil Service Reform Association, obliterates the distinction between volunteer and regular, and envelops in the beneficence of the law all those who served during the Philippine Insurrection prior to July 4, 1902. While the ordinary employee, after the submission of an explanation, may be arbitrarily removed, the veteran cannot, without a proper trial, accompanied by the right of appeal. This is a substantial prerogative. In interpreting this law the courts have decided that in the event of suspension for lack of work or money, the veteran is entitled to a preference in retention of employment. Be it remembered that the U. S. W. V. by procuring this and other enactments, has accomplished more for the regular and for the foreign service men than any other distinct veteran body, limited in its membership to these classes alone.

This results from our union of all the younger veteran forces throughout the national domain. The division of our Comrades into separate bodies, predicated on the accident of detail for war service in any given territory, reduces them to hostile and feeble fragments, wherever strength and concerted action are needed.

The Poor Law amendment was sponsored in the Senate by Hon. George H. Cobb, of Oswego, and Hon. Thomas F. Grady, of New York city. The amendment to the Civil Service Law was presented by Senator Cobb and Assemblyman Thaddeus C. Sweet. The amendment to the Printing Law was the joint product of the labors of our tested friend, Hon. Seymour Lowman, of Elmira, and Hon. George W. Brown, of Brooklyn, chairman of the Assembly committee on public printing. We are under obligation for efficient co-operation in procuring the foregoing enactments to Comrade James W. Wadsworth, Jr., speaker of the Assembly, Past De-

partment Judge-Advocate James L. Whitley, chairman of the Assembly Cities Committee, Comrade Joseph M. Fowler, chairman of the Assembly Codes Committee, Senators Edward T. Brackett, Robert F. Wagner, and William J. Grattan, of the Judiciary Committee, former Lieutenant-Governor Lewis S. Chanler, and Assemblyman George H. Whitney.

In past years the Poor Law measure had on two occasions been adopted by the Legislature, only to be chilled by executive disapproval. For the crystallization of these bills into law we are everlastingly beholden to the impartial and statesmanlike attitude of New York's great Governor, Charles E. Hughes, who, unswayed by partisan influence or the clamor of reform bodies, dispassionately dissected the arguments presented by the friends and foes of the measure.

In fulfillment of this program, important aid was rendered by Department Junior Vice-Commander, Francis D. Culkin, who was entrusted with the task of delivering two of the measures to Senator Cobb for introduction, and who proved to be a most faithful lieutenant of the Department Commander, Past Commander-in-Chief, Hamilton Ward, Past Department Commander, Charles A. Simmons, both of whose pens and influence were at the disposal of these Headquarters, Department Senior Vice-Commander, William J. Cunningham, an untiring and trustworthy supporter of every legislative enterprise of the Department, Chief of Staff, John D. Driscoll, and the Saratoga contingent, including Benjamin K. Walbridge, National Aide A. W. A. Geiersberg and Comrades Hiram C. Todd and Frederick W. Dunson, whose timely intervention induced the immediate issuance of the Poor Law Amendment from the Assembly Committee on Internal Affairs, the chairman of which represented their county. The delicate preliminary services of Past Commander, John E. J. Clare, in effecting the removal of certain opposition that might have proven fatal to the enactment of the Poor Law Amendment, entitle him to meritorious consideration in this record. These enactments were not, and could not be, the achievement of any one man. On the brows of all the distinguished Comrades enumerated, who were re-enforced by the enlightened assistance of the rank and file of our Camps, should rest the laurels of these victories.

It is the duty of this Encampment to forward resolutions of grateful approval to each of the legislators named. Those intended for the Governor, the Speaker and Senator Cobb should be engrossed and delivered by a duly accredited committee.

To be forehanded, the nature of the measures to be submitted at the approaching legislative session should be here determined. The statutes, authorizing localities to appropriate public funds for Memorial Day observance, should include within their operation our Camps in every section of the Department. Comrades, when unjustly removed from public employment, should, upon reinstatement, be reimbursed for compensation and salary lost. A permanent shelter should be provided for our disabled Comrades in the New York State Soldiers and Sailors' Home.

NEW CAMPS.

To the flag of the Department three new stars were added. The embers of a defunct Camp were rekindled.

Philippine Camp No. 87, was organized January 15, 1909, at New York City.

Esmond Camp No. 88, April 22, 1910, at Fulton, by Department Junior Vice-Commander Francis D. Culkin and Comrades Torrey A. Ball and C. S. Martin.

General Joe Wheeler Camp No. 89, May 6, 1910, at New York City, by Past Commander Patrick F. Kelly.

Francis V. Greene Camp No. 54, was reinstated at North Tonawanda, May 20, 1910, by Past Commander-in-Chief Hamilton Ward.

Since my installation at the Troy Encampment, the names of sixteen Camps have been engraven on the escutcheon of the Department. The close of this administration finds in process of erection six more pillars for its Temple.

The 69th Regiment Camp, with muster-rolls approaching completion, is being fostered by Past Department Marshal Terence J. O'Donnell (927 Third avenue, Borough of Manhattan, New York City).

The Rough Riders' Camp, with a desirable personnel, is being planted by Captain Colton Reed (309 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, New York City).

The Yankee Camp, to be recruited from the veteran crew of the vessel of that name, will mature into a probability under the guardianship of Past Commander Bernhardt Wall (1869 Bathgate avenue, Borough of The Bronx, New York City).

The Plattsburg Camp, is a realization that will be attained by the laborious efforts of Department Senior Vice-Commander William J. Cunningham of Troy.

The Camp of Comrades of African Descent, in the Borough of Manhattan, New York City, will ripen into fruition under the efforts of Comrades of Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp; and

The Camp to be composed of members of the New York Police and Fire Departments, is the subject of consideration by the undersigned.

The obligation of office should not end with its expiration. To my successor I tender the limited experience acquired in office, in order to aid him in forging with permanence these new links in the chain of our premier Department.

DEPARTMENT FUNCTIONS.

1. *Hudson-Fulton Celebration*.—In the Tercentenary Commemoration of the discovery of the Hudson river, the Department participated with credit. Our division in the military parade was accorded a reception that seemed to mark the high tide of public approval of the Boys of '98. Typical newspaper comment is that of the *New York American*. Its issue of October 1, 1909, reads in part as follows: "Ovation for Spanish War Vets.—The Spanish War Veterans had a division to themselves, and they needed it, for there were enough of them to go out and do the trick again, if need be. These marchers carried no arms, and the distinguished visitors were on their feet for several minutes saluting the close-huddled flags of the different Posts."

Enthusiasm for the project was stimulated and its resultant success assured, under the guidance of Past Department Judge-Advocate W. Martin Watson.

2. *Maine Memorial Services*.—Duodecennial services in honor of the martyrs of the Maine were held throughout the Department. The Memorial Meeting conducted at Carnegie Hall in the city of New York was of national scope. In this metropolitan forum

were assembled a few thousand uniformed members of the order. The function was presided over by Hon. Joseph H. Choate, leader of the American Bar and former Ambassador to the Court of St. James. Among the speakers were Admiral Charles D. Sigbee, commandant of the ill-fated battleship, its chaplain, Rev. Father John P. Chidwick, Hon. William Sulzer, identified with the fight to procure legislation for the removal of the wreck, and other noted personages. As guests there were present the idolized Union General, Daniel E. Sickles, our beloved Past Commander-in-Chief, Charles W. Newton, and various present and past Commanders of adjoining Departments.

Realizing the significance of the event, the press gave it full publicity. The resolutions adopted by acclamation were delivered to the President of the United States, Members of his Cabinet, and to the Senators and Representatives. It is noteworthy that within a few weeks thereafter the measure for the raising of the wreck and the removal of its victims was enacted into law. To the army of Comrades through the country who battled for this end, New York furnished its quota. The high plane of these services was achieved by the sleepless vigilance and executive ability of one of our best constructive leaders, Past Commander Bernhardt Wall. In the forefront of the agitation was the "United Spanish War Veterans Review," under the generalship of Comrade O. Pettijohn.

His constant advocacy of the desired legislation, entitles Congressman Sulzer to the commendation of this Encampment.

3. *Roosevelt Parade*.—Never a laggard in civic movements, the Order was a marked factor in the reception to our distinguished Comrade on his return to his native land. The Official Committee singled out the Order for a unique distinction. It alone was permitted to parade, while all other organizations that participated were required to remain stationary along the line of march in the city of New York. As our Comrades appeared in well marshaled and formidable columns, they were acclaimed as the fighting soldiers of this generation. Behind the Department colors marched men who helped make the annals of our Order, including the Commanders, Past Commanders and Comrades of such Departments as Massachusetts,

Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Indiana, Oklahoma and the District of Columbia. These demonstrations of our strength and civic spirit count heavily with public men, and are invaluable in inspiring the youth of our country to patriotic emulation.

The felicitous outcome of this undertaking was primarily due to the Chairman of the Department Committee, Comrade Bernhard Wall.

SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION AND ENCAMPMENT AIDE.

The enthusiastic note dominating this and the preceding Department Encampment was struck by this Aide. Undaunted by the repeated failures of others, his executive ability made the special train an institutional feature of our Encampments. Preoccupied by difficult business responsibilities he has centered his leisure moments on this undertaking. With a modesty that has shrunk from the highest honors, and profoundly attached to the principles of our Order, Comrade John E. J. Clare has perfected labors of moment for the Department.

DEPARTMENT COMMITTEES.

1. *Revision of Rules and Regulations.*—The Order, like the nation, is a government of laws, not men. An absolute prerequisite for the Department, therefore, is a scientifically arranged code of procedure. That substantial changes, however, may be introduced by the pending proposed modification of the national rules and regulations, is a probability. This contingency may cause us to defer the contemplated promulgation of our own rules and regulations. Over the report of Chairman Frederick C. Kuenhle, you are invited to spend much of your deliberations.

2. *Uniform.*—To grapple with this perplexing problem has been the function of a special committee. This body has solicited the viewpoint of Camps and the opinion of Comrades. A formulation of its conclusions we shall seek in the report of Chairman Oscar F. Berger.

3. *Poor Law Administration.*—To effectuate the details for the disbursement, through our Camps, of public funds for Poor Relief in the several counties of the State, will be the paramount duty of the next administration. At its very threshold it must measure up to this undertaking. Diligent Camps are now moving

in the prescribed statutory channels. Perfect this machinery throughout the Department, let the eligibles have ocular demonstration of its alleviatory operations, and the muster-rolls of each Camp will be trebled. No better engine for attracting recruits and retaining members was ever constructed. Ways and means for immediate compliance with the statute are incorporated in the report submitted by Chairman William J. S. Dineen.

4. *Coghlan Memorial*.—The savage forgets his dead. Gratitude is the virtue of a civilized people. Too often the sole crown of a life of chivalric doing is the tardy tombstone to the dead. Shall even this belated remembrance be begrudged the great sailor who graced the highest station in this Department? Hero of two wars, who led the first line of the historic attack in Manila harbor, legatee of Jones, Perry and Farragut, he emptied the goblet of his patriotic soul in our service.

To the appeal for funds for the erection of a monument in his memory, how many Camps have responded? To our shame be it said that less than one-fourth appear on the list of contributors. On the shoulders of the Commanders of the derelict Camps squarely rests the responsibility for this condition. In his chairmanship of the Committee Past Surgeon-General John H. Grant, on whom the bulk of the task was visited, has exhibited his attributes of prudence, zeal and intellect. This labor of love should continue to be his portion through the next administration. The major share of the Memorial Fund was collected by the personal solicitations of a single shipmate. On the deck of many a battleship his priestly figure has trodden in this work of sacred sacrifice. Let us emulate the toils of our scholarly chiselled and gentle-souled Department Chaplain, William H. I. Reaney.

GENERAL ORDERS.

The General Order lifts the Comrade from the nest of his Camp to the mountain-peak of the Department. With far-visioned purpose, he peers into State-wide movements. The plans and causes of the Department become inscribed on the tablets of his memory. Its aspirations are his individual possession. With intelligent hand he ploughs in its furrows. The policy of delivering the Department General Order to each Comrade must not be abandoned.

INSTALLATION.

Following military procedure, effectuating the course prescribed by the Book of Ceremonies and fortified by the authority of National Headquarters and the Department Council of Administration, the Commander assumed exclusive control of the installation of Camp officers. The road for repetition has been paved for my successors. The step was fashioned by necessity. To the new Board of Camp Officers installation should be a ceremony of solemn significance. The proneness in many quarters, to pass it over as idle routine, was reprehensible. This symptom of decay had to be eradicated. The filing of semi-annual reports, the payment of arrearages in per capita taxes and the bonding of Quartermasters, are essentials to proper administration. Enforcement of these preliminaries was ensured by issuing the details of installing officers from Department Headquarters. Thereby they were made directly responsible to central authority. Although shorn of his assumed power of appointment, the Camp Commander's recommendation for detail of installing officer was in each instance approved. An offspring of this policy was the issuance of a roster of the Department within thirty days after the completion of the ceremonies.

OFFICIAL VISITORS.

Isolated, the Camp drifts into stagnant waters. Lack of intercommunication with neighboring Camps or insulation from the currents of the Department and of the National Order produce dry-rot. These conditions are remediable. Periodically the Camp should be infused by headquarters with new energy. At stated intervals its missionaries should knock at the gates of the Camp with tidings of the Department. These visitors should gauge local conditions and offer first-hand aid. The thrill of a sympathetic hand from beyond its own quarters is a vitalizing elixir to the Camp. In fraternal and kindred organizations this problem is fraught with no difficulties. Possessing an ample treasury and commanding salaried officials, stated visits from central headquarters to subordinate lodges are an accepted feature. In our own Department a limited per capita tax restricts the munitions of finance. Any visitorial service must, therefore, be voluntary and uncompensated. To the call of Head-

quarters volunteers generously responded. Happily, almost every Camp was graced by the presence of an official visitor and most were visited quarterly. Wherever they went these messengers of our common weal carried the torch of our ideals. By their labors, disconnected Camps were woven together by intangible bonds. To these pioneers of our advance line, Headquarters dips its colors.

INDIVIDUAL APPLICATIONS TO HEADQUARTERS.

Through the doors of Headquarters crowds an endless throng seeking to enlist its assistance. Financial aid is sought by many. Most seek the opportunity to prove their ability for self-support. In the serried ranks are those patriots who yearn for public employment, or who having jeopardized it, ask Headquarters to act as a buffer between dereliction and punishment. Each prolix story demands the patient ear. To satisfy these kaleidoscopic appeals the Department Commander should have access to the treasure-house of Croesus, and wrest the sceptre of omnipotence from Jupiter.

From the necessities of the situation a rule evolved itself. No interview is granted unless the applicant wears the button of the Order. Thereupon, he is required to forward to Department Headquarters a written statement, showing: (a) his military record; (b) his Camp record; (c) the subject-matter requiring attention, accompanied by (d) an indorsement subscribed by his Camp Commander that the applicant is a member in good standing and that his active service in the Camp entitle him to the required assistance. This procedure separates the grain from the chaff, centers responsibility on the Camp Commander and intensifies the influence of the latter in the Camp.

RECRUITING.

The Department edifice is symmetrically erected. In the quality and alignment of our Camps, we possess a superb fighting nucleus. Enlarging numbers will re-enforce our undertakings. No shred of excuse lingers for dallying outside of our portals. The altruism of our aims should attract to the fold all good patriots. The comforting knowledge of the presence of hospital-beds, a helping hand to procure employment and the guarantees against neglect of the dead should appeal to those who seek ma-

terial benefits. The enactment of the Poor Law amendment makes membership in our Order more valuable than that in any beneficial society. A carefully digested knowledge of the scope of this law, once it is in practical operation, will undoubtedly make it our most powerful instrument for the recruiting and retention of membership. A circular reciting the privileges and prerogatives enjoyed by Spanish War Veterans in this State should inaugurate a comprehensive recruiting campaign by my successor.

PRIZES.

The tempting rewards invariably follow maximum recruiting gains. Equal in importance, however, is the retention of membership. The deplorable fact remains that our hard-earned gains are offset by ill-afforded losses. This escape of red corpuscles enfeebles the Order. The inanity of our present policy approximates the wisdom of hoarding savings in a torn trouser pocket. A uniformed Camp and a memorized ritual are qualitative desiderata, the fulfillment of which will be encouraged by the donation of proper premiums.

Despite urgent demands, the \$100 Recruiting Prize has not materialized. The donor apologizes that he has fallen on evil days financially. To the Encampment I submit this embarrassing situation, which is fortunately without precedent. Its recurrence can be prevented by stipulating that future donors in the moment of their generosity and prosperity deposit their offerings with Department Headquarters. The Recruiting Prize offered by our genial Comrade Arthur E. Luzzi awaits your disposition.

HOSPITAL BEDS.

The major tone of our ritual is expressed in the relief of the distressed. This end is attained by deeds, not words. A glittering generality brings no unction to a broken body. Hopeless is the prospect for that Comrade, who wasted by disease, lacks the means of ministration. With a bread crust wage capacity, he can foresee, but not provide for, the proverbial "rainy day." He is a type of a legion. To provide beds in hospitals for our stricken and their dependents, where they may receive food and medicine, and be accorded skilled medical and surgical treatment and sympathetic nursing, is a service hallowed by the Golden Rule. The

attainment of such a consummation is the work of the Manhattan Borough Council.

DISTRICT BOARDS.

An event of good augury was the recent establishment of the Hudson Valley Council, comprising the Camps at Poughkeepsie, Newburgh, Haverstraw, West Point, and Middletown. It would be an idle task to argue the merits of a union of men and means for the realization of common ends. Such a Council galvanizes struggling fragments into an integral whole. Success approaches the conduct of common ventures. The formation of a like body in and about the State Capitol is in contemplation. That project I bequeath to my successor.

LADIES' AUXILIARY.

Through this bower, the Camp enters the home and heart of each Comrade. The presence of mother, wife, or sister, prevents our aims from hardening into rude masculine ideals. The scheduled plans of the Department were materially furthered by the Department President of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Mrs. Kathryn Fellows and her estimable Staff.

POLITICS.

Section 4, article IX, of the National Rules and Regulations reads in part as follows:

"Members of the United Spanish War Veterans shall not use the organization for political purposes, and no discussion of partisan questions shall be permitted at any of its meetings."

This provision does not debar us from an electoral contest with any professed enemy of desired legislation. The Order cannot, however, be used as a cloak for veiled attack on any party or organization or its candidates. Malice cannot drive it as a vehicle for the satisfaction of a private political grudge. To juggle with the title of the Order on a political transparency for these ostensible purposes is an act of treason to our principles. Woe to him who drags our fair name in the mire of partisan electioneering. The unauthorized adventurer endangers the livelihood of Comrades in public employment. It is pregnant with peril to our legislative plans.

THIRD TERM.

Our Order must perish with us. The lapse of another generation will witness the attainment of its zenith. Ample opportunity should be present, therefore, to permit our worthiest Comrades to fill our highest offices. The Department Commandership should not degenerate into a private monopoly. A third term precedent is impolitic. One term of loyal service as Department Commander taxes the ingenuity and exhausts the initiative of the incumbent. Unless he possess both leisure and wealth, a second term leaves him leaner in purse and mentally fagged. Insistence on a third term exhibits wanton disregard of the personal welfare of a hard-working executive. The Department is governed by a wasted man. Prolonged tenure in office is not only unjust to a battalion of the deserving, but the Department itself needs new blood and invigorating leadership. We should record our sentiment in opposition to any such course.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS.

1. *Administration*.—The strides in the extension of the Order characterizing the term of Past Commander-in-Chief, Charles W. Newton, have been maintained by his successor. Our Camps girdle the globe. Wherever the flag flies, the accents of our ritual are echoed. The Order is a vital, pervasive and influential agency in patriotic America. The boundless energy, superior mentality, and iron integrity of Commander-in-Chief Edward J. Gihon and his national administration of office should elicit the respect and command the approval of this Encampment.

2. *Uniform*.—The tree is known by its fruits. By his uniform the Spanish War Veteran should be identified. In civilian attire the Comrade is indistinguishable from the mass of our citizenship. The servant of God discloses himself by his sacred cloth. The jurist reveals himself to the general eye by his sable gown. In the given garment is found the symbol of each vocation. What message does our uniform impart to the public? Where is the layman who, seeing it for the first time, can exclaim, "That man is a Spanish War Veteran." Well-intentioned persons, without malice or facetiousness, regarding me, have variously and observantly concluded that I was a bandmaster, a letter carrier, a

liveried driver, and even that monarch of the modern apartment house, the bell boy. In vain the years of careworn explanation, indignant expostulation and eloquent denial. The public is too taken up with the grinding business of daily life, to solve the riddle of our uniform. In my deference to the sentiment that inspired our uniform of "Blue and Gray," I yield the palm to no other. The garments picture an ideal, but obscure the fact. What is the inevitable uniform of the Spanish War? The conflict marked our advent into the tropics and the Orient. For the first time in our military annals khaki was worn. The khakied laddie was the warrior of '98. In song, story and picture he is idolized. Were we as an Order to wear the khaki, the public would instantly recognize us as the fighting men of the Spanish War. But no, we must flee the fact in our obstinate Bourbonism. Year in and out I have labored to enforce the wearing of the regulation uniform. Entreaty, censure and denunciation have been as ineffectual as snowflakes on the water. Our largest Camps persist in wearing the khaki. Willy-nilly, this uniform, so moderate in cost and so picturesquely symbolic, is the actual uniform of the Order. The wearing of khaki as a supplemental uniform should be sanctioned.

3. *An Official Organ.*—From the inception of the Order, newspaper, periodical and magazine, with funereal tread, have followed its advance. The restropect is marred by a series of journalistic wrecks. Purple-sailed, each venture lifted anchor for the sunlit land, only to be stranded on the rocks of indifference. For lack of a nurturing hand, each journalistic bud wasted and withered. The pure motives of editors were no shield from the heart-burning incriminations of disappointed subscribers. How shall the purse of our Comrades be safeguarded? Is an official organ a necessity? How shall it be established?

Written language differentiates man from the beast. The power to express thought and to transmit acquired knowledge to his progeny, render him sovereign in the animal kingdom. Without an organ for expression our Order remains tongueless and inglorious. Create it and all the Spanish War Veteran world is akin. Publicity is the sine qua non of latter day America. A great Order without its own official publication is like a huge body without a brain. Subscriptions should be compulsory. Ample precedent ex-

ists for such a course in the practice of other organizations. The subscription should be collected by the Quartermaster with dues. A guaranteed list of subscribers will make feasible a minimum annual subscription fee of twenty-five cents and insure a maximum revenue from advertising. In the publication might be printed National and Departmental Orders. The saving to all Headquarters in postage, stationery and printing is an appreciable item. The gross income might well accrue to National Headquarters. The Governing Board of the paper should consist of the Commander-in-Chief and the two Past Commanders-in-Chief immediately preceding him, with the former as Chairman. This Board should be authorized to employ an editor at a stated annual compensation with a percentage of the net profits. The editorial policy should be vested in the Commander-in-Chief. The functioning of this enterprise is an immediate feasibility. In the plant of the National Review and in the person of its capable editor, Comrade O. Pettijohn of Elyria, Ohio, are to be found the material and the man for this weighty purpose.

4. *Change of Name.*—A stupid faculty of slapping facts in the face is our fatal possession. Years of agitation and publicity to the contrary, press and people persist in designating us "Spanish War Veterans." Natural impulse rejects the word "United" as surplusage. The conflict itself made the name as relentlessly as logic. Red seals and reams of paper labor to no avail. With an "Alice-in-Wonderland" perverseness we try to fit a square peg into a round hole. Let us call a spade a spade, not a "united spade." The primary objection to the change, that of expense, has its birth in a mistaken notion. Old badges, stationery, colors and equipment will as heretofore be continued in use until worn out, exhausted or replaced in due course. The objections to the present title are serious.

(a) It is artificial. The generation that saw the War, not heeding our petty persistence, has irrevocably named us "Spanish War Veterans."

(b) The word "United" is a superfluity.

(c) The use of the initials "U. S." in our name is misleading. We suffer the uninitiated to infer from these letters that we are a branch of the United States Service.

(d) The initials U. S. W. V. are frequently interpreted to signify that we are United States troops from West Virginia. While serving as a member of the official Roosevelt Reception Committee I was repeatedly asked by prominent men on board the revenue cutter whether I was a member of the military staff of the Governor of West Virginia.

(e) The proposed change was unanimously accepted by the last National Encampment and its course approved by our Council of Administration. The only obstacle to the amendment is the inertia of repugnance to all change.

(f) We make no pretense of adherence to the title. No Comrade has introduced himself to me at Department Headquarters thus: "Commander, I am a United Spanish War Veteran," but always with the preliminary announcement, "I am a Spanish War Veteran." What dogged persistency makes us cling so fatuously to an artificial name?

(6) *Legislation.*—Precedents, indicated by the statutes of other governments, gratitude for heroic services offered in unstinted measure and justice to the nation's soldier and sailor defenders should spur Congress to formulate as law these propositions:

(a) That a preference in appointment and promotion to and retention in Federal employment be extended to all Veterans of the Wars of the Republic;

(b) That the widows and dependents of Spanish War Veterans be accorded the privileges now enjoyed under the Pension Laws by the widows and dependents of all other classes of Veterans;

(c) That soldiers in the regular establishment be retired after twenty-five years of service, and

(d) That the Secretary of War be directed to issue stands of arms and ammunition to our Camps in order to promote the formation of Rifle Clubs.

The enactment of the last provision should be stimulated by enlightened interest. The traditional policy of our Republic discourages a large standing army. Unlike other nations, we maintain no force of reservists. In the toil and travail of the Spanish War 300,000 picked fighting men were trained to the arts of battle. Youthful and vigorous, they are still available to the Nation as an auxiliary corps. Wisdom and expediency cre-

ates the policy of issuing rifles and ammunition to our Camps. Veteranized soldiers and sailors should be kept "shooting straight."

INSTRUCTION OF NATIONAL DELEGATES.

The Encampment is the sovereign body in the Department of New York. (Article VI, section 2, National Rules and Regulations.) If it is not, then Camps and Comrades may with impunity challenge its resolutions and ignore its commands, and the Department becomes a loose association of units — a rope of sand. If the Encampment is paramount, then delegates from the Department of New York to the National Encampment must execute its resolutions as the expression of the sovereign will. Otherwise it will be an idle ceremony for this Encampment to go through the formula of giving instructions to delegates concerning vital questions to be considered at the approaching National Encampment.

DISCORD.

In the big purposes of our Order there is no room for small natures. The ideal and the sordid cannot co-exist in the same atmosphere. Giving nothing, the Order exacts everything. In an industrial age, we tread the avenues of civic righteousness. Among the outposts of greed, we preach the gospel of patriotism.

If a Comrade's views differ from yours in any Camp controversy, he should not be anathematized. Man is a litigious animal. Each shield has two sides. If we did not view life from varying angles, this poor world would be a dreary chamber, inhabited by wax figures, cast in the same mold. Let us seek out the good that is in all, subordinating the bickerings that estrange us as individuals to the aspirations that are the jewels in the crown of the Order. Lay at the feet of the Comrade who walks in sacrifice the oils of grace and the wines of love. No sadder spectacle to me than the men, dowered with executive faculty, enriched with intellectual attainment and graced with sympathetic heart, who discouraged by the sneers and slanders of dwarfish natures, turn their backs in sorrow and anger on the burdens of our Order. Hate is the countersign of pygmyland; love is the grip of our Order.

The bitterness of a disappointed candidacy should not blind our vision to these axioms. To misinterpret defeat for office as a personal punishment, to strike, or to permit friends to strike, in sullen

resentment at a successful candidate for office, and to warp noble natures by unreasoning antagonism to every beneficial undertaking of an administration, betrays a woeful ignorance of the purposes of our Order. Give and take. All the world loves a cheerful loser. The man with the "grouch" never lays his hand to the tiller. The past two years of the history of the Department have not been free from this taint. Fortunately these regrettable manifestations were limited to but a few. No labor was so devoted that it was not visited by contumely. No character was so gentle that it was spared the envenomed tongue of calumny. In striking our standard-bearers from the rear, we cripple the advance of the Department. In the spirit of our obligation, let us spread the mantle of oblivion over this incident. "Charity suffereth long and is kind, is not easily provoked, beareth all things and endureth all things."

Personally I harbor no resentment. In laying down the burdens of office, I extend to all, friend and foe, the good right hand of Comradeship.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

In reverence we speak the name. Sacred are these warriors, who in the arena of the Titans battled for the integrity of the Republic. In the pantheon of our nation hero-worship has transfigured them in the mold of classic antiquity. Loyal they labored for the land. Priceless is the heritage of their deeds.

When, more than a decade ago, the God of Battle spoke in thunder tones on this continent, who of the Sons of Columbia bared their breasts to the flames of sacrifice? Hail to the Boys of '98! the flower of our youth, who grasped the standards of '61, and in the spirit of service were transformed into the new chivalry of the land. Let us kneel reverentially to our preceptors of the G. A. R., whose achievements carved for us the highway to heroic doing.

In almost every section of the Department, the G. A. R. Posts are enriching our Camps with the fruits of their experience. This or that idiosyncrasy, here and there, may engender temporary discord, but harmony between Post and Camp holds dominion almost everywhere. Prior to the enactment of the amended Poor Law, the sympathy of the G. A. R. Department Headquarters was enlisted. The comradely attitude of Past Department Commander Michael J. Cummings we recall with gratitude.

We had planned that this Encampment convene simultaneously with that of the G. A. R. at Syracuse in June. The pathway to that end had been paved by the tactfulness and ability of Comrade John E. J. Clare. To close the administration in June, however, would leave the Ladies Auxiliary exchequerless and strip these Headquarters of indispensable revenue. As the date could not be postponed, a joint Encampment was rendered impracticable.

Sons of the Northland and the Southland, who rubbed elbows on the firing line, in devotion to the flag of the re-united Republic, we rejoice at the fraternal commingling of the Posts of the G. A. R. with those of the Confederate veterans. In her cemented dominions England impartially enshrines in loving remembrance those martial spirits who broke lances in civil strife, for the supremacy of the Red or the White Rose. Frenchmen chisel in the purest marble of affection the knightly warriors, who, in fratricidal combat, sounded the battle alarms of de Guise and de Coligny. Shall America bend in bitterness over the wounds of civil warfare? The warriors of this generation, who, at Santiago and Manila, marched into battle to the strains of "Dixie" and "The Star Spangled Banner," we refuse to stir the embers of hatred. Let us bury the passions of war, and consecrating the virtues of the chevaliers in Gray, hang the lilies of love on the tombs of Lee and Jackson.

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

Senior Vice-Commander.—Second in command, he helped shape every progressive activity of the Department. By his cheerful acquiescence in manifold details from Headquarters, his unremunerated expenditures from a spare income and his years of unrequited labor in helping consolidate the foundations of the Department, *William J. Cunningham* has carved for himself a pedestal in our affections.

Junior Vice-Commander.—He shrank from no detail. Faithfully following instructions, he obtained the assistance of Senator Cobb in the furtherance of proposed legislation. Of his talents and energies he contributed in full measure. He hewed closely to the lines marked by Headquarters and his labors accelerated the emergence of our legislative propaganda. I hereby make public certification to the high intelligence and soldierly qualities of *Francis D. Culkin*.

Adjutant.—The Adjutant is the shield between the Commander and his sins of omission. On him converge all the cumulative details of harrassing routine. The expansion of the Department necessitated the rapid formation of new channels of administration. To his credit be it said, that these, the Adjutant opened expeditiously. To him was allotted the task of replacing an archaic system by modern business methods. The transformation of the primitive equipment of Headquarters into a state of efficiency, comparable to that of a man-of-war, was his achievement. He has been laden with the labors, while I have rejoiced in the honors of high office. His intimate knowledge of the personnel and needs of the Department is an asset that we should preserve. The meagreness of our income forbids his adequate compensation. For the years of intensive service surpassing those of any other Comrade of the Department, we mention in honor, the name of *Ernest W. Larkin*.

Quartermaster.—While the needs of the Department have progressed geometrically, its revenues have reluctantly lagged. Each dollar of our per capita, however, was made elastic by the wizardry of the Quartermaster. Thanks to his financiering our surplus is rock-ribbed. It was relaxation from the red tape of office to rub shoulders with plain-spoken, pure principled and good-souled *Thomas J. Quinn*.

Inspector.—Under his microscopical examination the defects and deficiencies of the Department became patent. With each diagnosis, he presented a remedy. Under his administration, adherence to the rules and regulations was promoted in the Camps. Fortunately for us the comprehensive and onerous program of inspection was entrusted to a fearless analyst, but a sympathetic critic. No predecessor in office has builded better than *Frank D. Lakestream*. This result was facilitated by a special corps of Assistant Department Inspectors, including Comrades Ernest C. Keithley, Abraham L. Beckhardt, A. W. A. Giersberg, Charles A. Olivier, William H. Kyle, John H. Grant, Francis D. Culkin, Charles E. Haller and Ernest W. Larkin.

Judge-Advocate.—A compilation of his decisions on disputed questions is the legacy he transmits. Equity and common sense characterize these rulings. This treasury of precedent will be

preserved as a rule for future guidance, by means of the State Printing Law. An earnest proponent of preferential legislation, Comrade James F. Court endeavored to secure legislative sponsorship for the proposed constitutional amendment. Among those who were requested and refused to father it were Senator Alexander Brough and Assemblyman Joseph M. Fowler. As persistence in this particular might jeopardize the administration's program of legislation the abandonment of the preference project was deemed wise.

Historian.—The duties of the office were crystalized and the position attained its maximum utility under the present incumbent. The innovation of a supplement to Department General Orders, announcing the miscellaneous functions, past and present, of Camps and Councils, was his conception. That the prestige of the Department of New York has been maintained in the journalistic mediums devoted to the Order, is attributable to his tireless pen. Persevering, fertile and faithful, Malcolm C. Fraser was an invaluable adjunct of the administration.

The Medical Director, Garrett V. Johnson; *the Chaplain*, William H. I. Reaney; *the Chief of Staff*, John D. Driscoll; *the Councilors of Administration*; *the Department Aides*, and *the Official Visitors* co-operated with the other members of my staff in the endeavor to strengthen the fibre and quicken the pulse of the Department.

The harvests of this administration were gathered by no one Comrade. The "good men and true," recorded by me, sowed and reaped with brain and heart that the Department might prosper. Freely they gave of their substance. Does the Department need leaders? Who are better equipped than they? Who shall rule but those who know how to serve? Will you cast aside these horny-handed toilers in the vineyards of sacrifice for the word-monger of the banquet table? Be wary of the self-anointed hero, whose heart perennially bleeds for the Order at Encampments, where he appears iridescent with a halo radiating all the virtues and surmounted by his indestructible lightning-rod for office. Scorn the slanderer. Reward the builder.

In view of the facts hereinbefore recited, I present the following

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the Department Rules and Regulations be amended to require Department Headquarters to print and issue to Camp Commanders a sufficient quantity of Department General Orders for issuance to the full membership of Camps and making it imperative for the Camp Commanders to mail same immediately on receipt to the membership of their respective Camps.
2. That the requirements of the Book of Ceremonies and of Military Procedure be enforced, by providing in the Department and National Rules and Regulations, that the Department Commander assume jurisdiction of the installation of Camp officers within his jurisdiction; that the New York delegates to the National Encampment be instructed to submit and vote for said amendment to the National Rules and Regulations.
3. That the Department Rules and Regulations be amended to make it obligatory on the Department Commander to supplement inspection by a system of quarterly visits to camps by official representatives to be designated by him.
4. That the incoming Department administration be required to inaugurate a comprehensive recruiting campaign, to be preceded by the issuance of a general recruiting circular.
5. That no offer of a competitive prize to the Department, for the uses of the Order, be accepted unless the donor deposit the same with Department Headquarters at the time of the making of the offer.
6. That the incoming administration be requested to make every effort to establish a district council, comprising the Camps in and about the State Capitol.
7. That Commendatory Resolutions be adopted appreciative of the services of Governor Charles E. Hughes, Speaker James W. Wadsworth, Jr., Senators George H. Cobb, Thomas F. Grady, Edgar T. Brackett, Robt. F. Wagner, William J. Grattan, Assemblymen Seymour Lowman, Thaddeus C. Sweet, George W. Brown, James L. Whitley, Jos. M. Fowler, Lewis S. Chanler, George H. Whitney, Congressman William Sulzer, Past Department Commander Michael J. Cummings of the G. A. R., Mrs. Kathryne Fellows, Department President of the Ladies' Auxiliary, and resolutions indorsing the administration of Commander-in-Chief Edward J. Gihon; that the resolutions intended for the

Governor, the Speaker and Senator Cobb be engrossed and delivered to them by a duly accredited Committee of the Department.

8. That a measure be introduced at the next State legislative session amending section 136, article 6, chapter 63, Laws 1909, being chapter 62 of the Consolidated Laws, known as the Town Law, by increasing the amount appropriated by town boards for Memorial Day observance from \$50 to \$100, and in towns of over 5,000 inhabitants where there are two or more G. A. R. Posts and one or more U. S. W. V. Camps to a sum not exceeding \$150, and having the Commanders and Quartermasters of our Camps co-operate with those of the Post in directing the disbursement of such moneys.

9. That a measure be introduced at the next State legislative session amending section 23, article 2, chapter 15, Laws 1909, being chapter 7 of the Consolidated Laws, known as the Civil Service Law, by providing that all honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines who served during the recent war with Spain, or the incidental insurrection in the Philippine Islands, prior to July 4, 1902, who shall hereafter be unjustly removed from public employment, shall upon due reinstatement, be reimbursed.

10. That a measure be introduced at the next State legislative session amending article 5, chapter 48, Laws 1909, being chapter 44 of the Consolidated Laws, known as the Public Buildings Law, and such other statutes as may be applicable, by admitting our disabled Comrades to the Soldiers and Sailors' Home of the State.

11. That the National Rules and Regulations be amended by providing for the wearing of khaki as a supplemental uniform and that the New York delegates to the National Encampment be instructed to submit and vote for such amendments thereat.

12. That we commend the unselfish and progressive activities of the "National Review," formerly the "U. S. W. V. Review," and its high principled editor, Comrade O. Pettijohn, of Elyria, Ohio.

13. That we favor the amendment of the National Rules and Regulations, by providing for the establishment of a National organ for our Order, to be managed by a board consisting of the Commander-in-Chief, in office, as chairman, and the two

Past Commanders-in-Chief immediately preceding him; subscription to which shall be collectible by Camp Quartermasters with dues, wherein in addition to usual news and notices, shall be published all National and Departmental Orders; the editor's compensation to be in part certain and in part contingent; the editorial policy to be determined by the Commander-in-Chief at the time in office; and the journalistic undertaking to be an official business one; that the New York delegates to the National Encampment be instructed to submit and vote for said amendment thereat.

14. That we commend the resolution of the last National Encampment tentatively changing the name of the Order to "Spanish War Veterans," approve the action of our Council of Administration in indorsing said proposed change and instruct the New York delegates to the approaching National Encampment to vote to amend the National Rules and Regulations in order to effect said change.

15. That a measure be introduced at the next Congressional session granting a preference in appointment and promotion to, and retention in Federal employment to all honorably discharged veterans of the Wars of the Republic; that New York's delegates to the National Encampment be instructed to submit and vote for the adoption of resolution embodying the foregoing thereat.

16. That a measure be introduced at the next Congressional session according the widows and dependents of all honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines, who served during the recent war with Spain, or the incidental insurrection in the Philippine Islands, prior to July 4, 1902, the privileges now enjoyed under the Federal Pension Laws, by the widows and dependents of all other classes of veterans; that New York's delegates to the National Encampment be instructed to submit and vote for the adoption of a resolution, embodying the foregoing, thereat.

17. That a measure be introduced at the next Congressional session retiring soldiers in the regular establishment after twenty-five years of service; that New York's delegates to the National Encampment be instructed to submit and vote for the adoption of resolution, embodying the foregoing, thereat.

18. That a measure be introduced at the next Congressional session authorizing and directing the War Department to issue stands of arms and ammunition to our Camps, in order to promote the formation of rifle clubs; that New York's delegates to the National Encampment be instructed to submit and vote for the adoption of resolution, embodying the foregoing, thereat.

19. That in order to effectuate the resolutions of this Encampment, which pursuant to section 2 of article VI of the National Rules and Regulations is the supreme governing body of the Department, the incoming Department Commander be directed to subject to disciplinary measures any delegate from this Department to the approaching National Encampment who shall vote on any proposition considered thereat, contrary to the expressed instruction of this Encampment.

20. That we express our approval of the services of Special Aide John E. J. Clare, recognizing in his successful conduct of the official "U. S. W. V. Special Train," through the eastern division of the Department, an instrument of high publicity value for the order, and we extend our appreciation to those Comrades and members of the Ladies' Auxiliaries, who, in order to procure reduced railroad rates for those attending the Encampment from other sections of the State, did, in faithful compliance with Department General Orders, avail themselves of this feature of transportation.

I rejoice that I am to be liberated from the responsibility of office. It is good to feel that I can once again serve the Department as I served my country — just as a buck private in the rear ranks.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) MAURICE SIMMONS,
Department Commander.

Dated, NEW YORK, *August 1, 1910.*

APPENDIX I TO DEPARTMENT COMMANDER'S
REPORT.

MARTYRS OF THE MAINE.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER OF NEW YORK DENOUNCES THE
HEARTLESS INDIFFERENCE OF THOSE IN AUTHORITY TOWARD
THE DEAD OF THE ILL-FATED MAINE — APPEALS TO SENTI-
MENT AND REASON — SHOWS IMPROPRIETY OF NATION'S
NEGLECT.

“You fellows who went off to the Spanish War were a lot of soft ones. The scrap was rigged up by a coterie that had a car-load of money tied up in Cuban sugar-cane and tobacco-leaf. They made one safe guess that the fight would place the guarantee of Uncle Sam's guns behind their coin and a gilt edge on their investments. Principles don't make wars. It is the greed of the mighty. The captains of trade dictate the conflicts of nations. Ninnies like you fight them. Back of the hue and cry they raise about the inviolability of the national honor sneaks their quiet graft. The politicians at Washington, who declare war, are the puppets of the industrial kings. You sentimental fools who rally to the colors are the sand-worms they use as bait.” With the foregoing and parallel stuff, all delivered in lurid vernacular, I was almost rendered speechless, in the course of conversation at a New York club house, some years ago. As soldier and citizen I resented the grotesque slanders. I spurned them as the vaporings of a sicklied imagination. To-day as I think of the studied neglect by the authorities, of the poor boys, who went down in the Maine; isolated fragments of that talk float before me like imps of taunting mockery. In the commercial terms of the capital is the value of the martyr's corpse less than a farthing? Does tariff-tinkering and law-muddling Washington resent as an intrusion, our request that the bodies of our shipmates, imprisoned in the Maine, be lifted from the ooze of the tropical harbor and brought home for Christian burial?

The destruction of the battleship precipitated the Spanish War. The soul of America turned gray at the horror of the deed. A hoarse cry of vengeance strained every throat. “Remember the Maine!” became the battle-cry of the Republic. That admonition

black-inked every bulletin and thundered from every rostrum. Under its stimulus legions flocked to the white-tented cities and manned the floating steel bulwarks. Literally the cry tingled in the thought and colored the environment of our soldiery. I recall how on the canvas of my own tent there had been daubed in awkward doggerel, this quatrain:

“Remember the Maine.

To hell with Spain!

“If we don’t eat duck,

We’ll go home again.” — native American humor, bubbling over amid the grim trappings of war.

“Remember the Maine!” The mandate of a nation’s wrath steeled the muscles of the marine who grasped cutlass at El Siboney, nerved the heart of the trooper, who forced the tropical steepes of Santiago de Cuba, and thrilled the soul of the jackie, who with patriotic precision unleashed the iron dogs of Dewey’s gray-painted hulls at Manila harbor. “Remember the Maine!” In fever-decimating camp, the wan sufferer, crawling through the valley of the great shadow, mumured it, as he prayed for strength to enable him to give the testimony of his blood on the firing line to the holy cause. In the national forum, sage statesmen, with classic cadence, mustering all the potent harmony of words, echoed it, in sounding the Republic’s message for a twentieth century crusade undertaken in the name of humanity. The appeal shook every fiber of the nation and fired her sons to triumphant conflict.

“And to-day, none so poor to do” them “homage” — these martyred dead of the Maine. The throats which once vibrated with eloquence are now frozen. When the small still voice of conscience pierces the babel of the Congressional word-mart, it but frowns at the patriotic interloper. With supercilious frigidity these tongued warriors of peace drawl: “Forget the Maine!”

The promptings of gratitude, reverence for the martyred, and the verity of history, make imperative the raising of the wreck and the removal of the dead. What sinister influence has nullified the consummation of this project? What is the crux of this mystifying hostility? Is it a harrowing fear that its exposure will prove that the old steel-bottom was undone by an internal

explosion? Craven is the statesmanship that blenches at such a prospect. Governments are of time, not of day. A pigmy is he, who, to serve the gods of opportunism, seeks to suppress the historic fact. If our Naval Board of Inquiry erred in its conclusions, a conspiracy of silence aggravates its error. Machiavellian inactivity is the recourse of the Lilliputian politician. True eminence, by acknowledging error, ennobles itself. If we went awry our present candor will atone for the wrong. It will give to Old World chancelleries illuminating evidence of the idealism of Yankee diplomacy. The resultant revelations by the disgorged wreck will solve with finality this mystery of modern history. Surely it will justify the findings of the Board of Inquiry before the tribunal of public opinion. In the remote possibility that the result will be adverse to the American contention, what does a pettifogging officialdom fear? Furious reprisals by the Don? Poor Spain, naked to the bone, totters along the highway of the nations, with the fangs of famine and revolution in her heart.

The condition of the shattered ship enters not only the concerns of these two erstwhile warring nations, but that of the Cuban government. Its interest is commercial. Havana is its mainstay as a seaport. In her harbor facilities is the reason of being of the Island's Capital. The wreck trespasses grievously on the anchorage of the port. During a decade of this adverse possession a shoal of appreciable dimensions has formed and the obstruction impedes the sweep of the tidal waters. The harbor is filling up. For fear that it may affront our sensibilities, the insular Republic hesitates to wipe out this menace to its commerce. Thus a policy of procrastination prejudices our tropical ward.

Why defer the removal of the ship from its unhallowed sepulchre? Commerce exacts it, that her highways may remain untrammelled. National self-respect chafes under the dishonor of delay. The historian awaits the event to clarify the obscure passages in his chronicle of the war.

Rear Admiral F. E. Chadwick, retired, a member of the Board of Inquiry, deliberately penned these words, May 5, 1908:

"Our failure to raise the wreck has undoubtedly given an impression to many of a want of openness and straightforwardness on the part of the government. It is our duty to remove this. We

can afford to say we were mistaken; we can not afford the imputation of fearing the truth."

After rounding out his Cuban labors, Governor Magoon in his valedictory earnestly recommended "that the United States government take immediate steps to accomplish the removal without delay." He sadly observes: "Even more important * * * is the fact that this wreck, although it contains the bodies of sixty-three American seamen, or what is left of them, is apparently abandoned and forgotten by the government and people of the United States. Thousands of Americans and other thousands of other nationalities annually enter the harbor of Havana, and probably not one omits to express regret and censure for the deplorable spectacle. It has become a national reproach and an international scandal."

The press of the nation, reflecting the keen gratitude and passionate patriotism of our people, has, in trenchant phrase, emphasized the need of action. At every Camp-fire where the bronze cross of the United Spanish War Veteran is worn, whether in frozen Alaska, beflowered Hawaii, the jungled Philippines or our own United States, the voice of the knightly defenders of the Republic wrathfully demands the return of the bodies of these dead shipmates to consecrated soil. On January 28, 1909, the President sent a special message to the House of Representatives urging an appropriation and saying: "I trust that Congress will see the wisdom of this suggestion and will provide for the removal of the Maine." Be it remembered that this was the utterance of the first citizen of the land, the guardian of its statecraft and the sponsor of its good name at the council-board of the nations. The words fell on stone-deaf ears. All measures for legislative relief were smothered in committee. The culprits are known. Legislation was aborted by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and his subservient Committee on Naval Affairs.

Were these niggards chary of the cost? To raise the rusted hulk and bury the unreclaimed dead, will, it is authoritatively estimated, entail an expenditure of less than \$50,000. But a Billion Dollar Congress is skittish at this outlay. Millions for log-rolling; not one cent for the martyred. Empty the nation's purse in erecting architectural absurdities at Podunk Corners,

while our dead are rotting in the slime of Havana Harbor. Let them rot! Pour the countless shekels of the commonwealth into Backwood's creek, unavailable for navigation. But we have no idle pence to pay the dues of reverence to the dead. The money-changers of Carthage defile the seats of the fathers in the halls of legislation.

At the outbreak of the Spanish War, in response to the dire need for auxiliary cruisers, influential greed palmed off many a private vessel on the government, at a rake-off far in excess of \$50,000. Each was resold at the termination of hostilities for a mere bagatelle. Graft for the affluent vultures; oblivion for the mute martyrs of the Maine.

"They are a nation of shop-keepers," cynically sneered the foreigner, when the war illuminated the Antilles. "These are Yankee pigs, whose God is the dollar," hissed the Spaniard. In the face of our brutal and sordid neglect of the martyrs of the Maine, can we escape these indictments?

Before the reproaching specters of these dead, the soaring sentiments of Independence Day, the revered traditions of Memorial Day, and the eagle-flights of a century of senatorial eloquence, are lies, babbling lies. How long shall the nation continue to be garbed in the yellow rags of shame? How long, oh, how long, shall the sinister scar of the ingrate disfigure the brow of the Republic?

Give us back our dead!

MAURICE SIMMONS,

Department Commander of New York.

(*The United Spanish War Veteran Review*, Elyria, Ohio, October, 1909.)

APPENDIX II TO DEPARTMENT COMMANDER'S REPORT.

Maurice Simmons, Commander of the Department of New York, United Spanish War Veterans, delivered the following tribute at the Lawton Memorial Service, held at the Ross Street Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, December 19, 1909:

LAWTON, THE SOLDIER.

Through the murk and toil of history, the man of arms has fascinated the fancy of the sons of men. In the struggle for existence by the primitive man against nomadic foes and the beasts of the forest, he, who with cunning and force wielded well the stone implements of attack, was hailed as the tribal leader.

When the tribe prospered the rude chieftain grasped for himself the purple of Kingship. The warrior sounded the clearest note in primeval civilization. In the idolization of its soldier-types each nation gives concrete expression of its creed of patriotism. The chief magistrates of our own Republic from the Man of Valley Forge to the Rough Rider of San Juan, with rare exceptions, have stepped from the martial arena to the seat of the mighty. The war scourge is the universal solvent. In the language of the great English statesman, Edmund Burke:

“If it be means of wrong and violence, it is the sole means of justice amongst nations. Nothing can banish it from the world.”

Greek letters and art were disseminated by the fighting phalanxes of Alexander. Roman law and polity marched with the imperial legions of Cæsar. The torches of democracy were lit by the camp-fires of Napoleon. By the iron and blood of the soldier has the race made its advance.

Chevalier of American knight-errantry, exemplar of the militant pioneers of our nation, legate of the conquering Saxon clan is he, the latest progeny of the heroic line of world-warriors, in reverent tribute to whom we now kneel in memoriam.

Henry W. Lawton was born in Ohio in the year 1843. His youth was shaped by the virginal West. In the crucible of its elemental life the character of the boy was molded to that simplicity and nobility which were to be the badges of the man. His early years witnessed the gathering of the fruits of the Mexican War and the sowing of the seed of the Irrepressible Conflict. His imagination was fired by the titanic struggle between slave-holder and free-soiler as the race labored for its emancipation from chattel slavery.

At the first call of the sorrow-burdened President the lad of eighteen stood ready, musket in hand. Quick-pulsed and pure-souled, he wrought in pain through the years of battle. On fields of carnage he tasted the bitterness of the defeats and rejoiced in

the glory of the triumphs of the tattered colors of the Army of the Cumberland. In its vigils and bivouacs, its nights of anxious brooding and its days of buoyant battle he marched through the zone of fire with Sherman's Army from Atlanta to the Sea. At Shiloh, Stone's River, Chickamauga, Kenesaw Mountain, Peach Tree Creek, Jonesboro and on other fields of glory, crimsoned by conflict, he clung to the firing line, brave as the bravest. At the dawn of Appomattox the private of the ranks had become a colonel of volunteers.

Hardly a decade elapsed before the trumpet again sounded to the saddle. In the tortuous warfare waged by paleface and red-man for the sovereignty of the western plains his rugged figure swept the flaming trail. The seventies and eighties of the last century glowered with the dark and treacherous combat. With prowess and fortitude he waged incessant battle against the Comanches, Cheyennes and Kiowas.

He led his command beyond our very borders and into the heart of the Sierra Madre Mountains in the notable campaign against the astute and sanguinary Indian Chieftain, Geronimo, with whose capture perished the last lingering hope of the aborigines for the retention of the West. Writing of this period the chronicler of the War Department states:

"The adventurous spirit which marked these years, the sleepless march, the thirst amidst arid heat and again the untold cold, and the dextrous management of men and means to the end to be accomplished, enlivened by fierce fighting, belong now to the work and epoch of the generations which redeemed an empire on the plains from savagery and bequeathed it to civilization, where cities and citizens now rule with law and trade, agriculture, mining and manufactures flourish abundantly. It is a book that is closed but not forgotten."

The hand of the years did not enfeeble his virile genius. In the War with Spain he commanded in the landing and led in the first march in Cuba. The military campaign against the Pearl of the Antilles revolved around his command. His was the brilliant feat of arms which gave El Caney to the National colors. By his irresistible gallantry he helped to weave the golden laurels which crowned the American Arms.

In the Tropics and in the Orient he was the peerless son of victory. At the triumphant conclusion of the Cuban campaign he was called to the command of an army division in the Philippine Archipelago. His victories at Santa Cruz, San Rafael, San Isidro and Tayug followed in scintillating succession. By the strategic precision of his movements, the bewildering rapidity of his marches and the Spartan determination of his onslaughts he broke the back of the insurrection. With martial acumen immediately he bent his energies to effectuating the advantages of the campaign and relentlessly he followed the insurgent forces into their secret strongholds. At San Mateo, on the 19th day of December, 1899, he confronted the Insurrectos under Geronimo. Heedless of the victory which was his and exposed to the hostile fire, Lawton was ministering to his wounded aide. In that rosy hour of triumph, while the angels of mercy fluttered in his heart and the words of tenderness hung on his lips, the great Captain was mortally wounded on the field of battle.

“Foul, foul sped the bullet that clipped the white lily,
The flower of our Knighthood, the whole Army’s pride,
Yet we dream that he still in that shadowy region
Where the dead form their ranks at the wan drummer’s sign —
Rides on, as of old, down the length of his legion,
And the word still is *Forward!* along the whole line.”

The substratum of his character was simplicity. The plaudits of the Nation which greeted his achievements found in the triumphant General the same humility that had graced the man in the ranks. The seeds of an imperial ambition found no lodgment in his breast. Without complaint he bore the terrors of wintry warfare against the savage on the Western plain, and faced the perils of treacherous strife with the Filipino in his native jungle. He recked not of self. He knew no master but duty. Not by idle precept, but by dint of doing, he influenced his environment. At the feet of a man of such heroic fibre men laid the full measure of their devotion. Under the spell of his leadership toilsome sacrifice purchased unerring victory. He died as he lived, the idol of the Army. Death has not dimmed the love we bore him. In the temple of affection he has been canonized by his comrades. With

grateful remembrance you have cherished his name in the title of your camp. In the Union he helped to preserve, in the empire of the prairie from which he labored to lift the yoke of barbarism and on the frontiers of that Asiatic dominion, where he died while advancing the prestige of American civilization, wherever the camp-fires of the United Spanish War Veterans glow in comradeship, there his name is inscribed in letters of gold on our standards and carved in undying reverence on the tablets of our sanctuaries.

His career was epical in intensity. Hero of three wars he opened his veins to the red stream on which the nation moved for almost half a century of momentous history. Soldier of the Northland, who stood with the conqueror amid the ashes of Atlanta, he broke bread with the sons of the vanquished Southland before the trenches of El Caney. To him was revealed the miracle of the healing of the sections wrought by the spirit of America. In his person was symbolized the tragedy of the disunion and the romance of the reunion of our Republic. With prophetic vision on the Cuban field of victory he saw the resurrection of the Nation, with whose significance our ritual is permeated:

“No North, no South, no East, no West,
But one great, grand country,
Magnificent in motives and invincible in power.”

It is meet in this consecrated hour that we turn our backs on the marts of trade, drive out the ancient greed with its mercenary mock of patriotism and in this Temple of God muster in decennial commemoration as we hang a garland, bedewed with the tears of his comrades, on the gates of Lawton's immortal memory.— *National Guard Magazine, Columbus, Ohio, January, 1910.*

APPENDIX III TO DEPARTMENT COMMANDER'S REPORT.

Resolutions submitted by Department Commander Maurice Simmons, at Maine Memorial Services and forwarded to the President and Vice-President, the Secretary of the Navy and Members of Congress:

Whereas, the destruction of the battleship Maine, in the Harbor of Havana, Cuba, twelve years ago, precipitated the Spanish War, and, breaking the shell of our provincialism, compelled us to grasp the burden of our heritage as a world power; and

Whereas, the spectacle of the rusted hulk of the ship and the rotting bones of its victims, abandoned without sepulture in alien waters, shames the conscience and stains the honor of our Republic, invites the obloquy and merits the derision of foreign nations, belies the traditions and mocks the ideals of American history; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the citizens of the City of New York, in mass meeting convened, at Carnegie Hall, in said city, this 20th day of February, 1910, under the auspices of the United Spanish War Veterans, in order to pay tribute to the memory of these martyred dead, that the Congress of the United States be, and it hereby is, requested to enact legislation for the immediate removal of the wreck to our own shores and the recovery of the remains of its unreclaimed victims for interment in the National Cemetery at Arlington.

COMRADE MURPHY:

I move that the report of the Department Commander be received and referred to the committee on rules and regulations.

COMRADE SCHNEIDENBACH:

I second the motion.

Comrade Herrick relieves Comrade Culkin as chairman.

COMRADE FRASER:

I move an amendment; that the report be spread upon the minutes of this Encampment.

COMRADE HALLER:

Second the amendment.

COMRADE MURPHY:

Is it intended by that amendment that, after it has been referred to the committee on rules and regulations, that it then be spread upon the minutes?

COMRADE HERRICK:

I should say not, Comrade Murphy; simply that it be made a part of the minutes and go to the committee.

COMRADE MURPHY:

Of course, it is intended to go in the minutes. I think that is due to the Commander, and all his recommendations should be considered seriously by every member.

COMRADE GRANT:

I move a further amendment; that a copy of this report be properly prepared, after its approval, and referred to the National Commander-in-Chief, with a view of publication for the general benefit of the Order.

COMRADE HERRICK:

Comrades, it is amended that a copy of this report be properly prepared and referred to the Commander-in-Chief with a view of publication for the benefit of the Order.

COMRADE SCHNEIDENBACH:

I second the motion.

COMRADE HERRICK:

Comrades, we will vote on the last amendment first. (Carried.)

COMRADE HERRICK:

We can now dispose of the other amendments and the original motion at the same time.

COMRADE MURPHY:

I accept the amendment on the last motion.

COMRADE HERRICK:

We are now ready for the original motion then. Are there any remarks? (Carried.)

Report of Senior Vice-Commander.

SARATOGA, N. Y., *August 1, 1910.*

Department Commander, Delegates and Comrades of the Seventh Annual Encampment, Department of New York, United Spanish War Veterans:

Having been elected to the position of Senior Vice-Commander at the Encampment held in the City of Oswego last year, and knowing the first duty of a soldier to be "to obey orders" I awaited the same from Department Headquarters. I had not long to wait before being called into active service, for under date

of August 27th I received the following communication: "Enclosed you will find a communication from Comrade DeLong of Hoosick Camp No. 63. It is a call of distress. No man or Departmental officer is more intimately acquainted with the condition of this Camp than you. Heretofore you have reported to me its condition both orally and in writing. I will regard it as a signal evidence of your executive ability if you will restore this Camp to a condition of healthful activity." I immediately got in communication with the Comrades at Hoosick Falls and was informed that the situation there was absolutely hopeless, as it was impossible to get enough Comrades together for a quorum. Through Comrade William Carpenter I arranged for a meeting for October 27th and upon my visit met five Comrades. I made arrangements for another meeting to be held in November. Upon my visit at that time I met seven Comrades and we had a general discussion of existing conditions; it was the unanimous wish of those present to retain membership in our Order. I procured the names of thirty-seven former members of the Camp and during the month wrote a personal communication to each one asking him to meet me at the Armory on the night of December 3rd. Upon my visit at that time I was greeted by fifteen (15) Comrades; no commanding officer being present, I was invited to preside at the meeting. Upon calling the meeting to order a Comrade arose and said, "This is the first time in more than a year that Hoosick Camp has had a sufficient number of Comrades present to hold a meeting." Officers were then elected for 1910, and I was invited to act as Installing Officer when the Camp was prepared to pay the two years' per capita tax then due. It was not until March 11th that the Camp was prepared to pay the arrears and upon that date I had the honor of installing the officers of this Camp, and was enabled to report to Department Headquarters that Hoosick Camp No. 63, Hoosick Falls, was again a component part of our Order with per capita tax paid up to June 30, 1910. In addition to installing the officers of Hoosick Camp, I had the honor of acting as installing officer at the annual installation of General Eugene Griffin Camp No. 11, Schenectady, and David J. Johnson Camp No. 74, Cohoes. Acting under orders of Department Headquarters upon legislative matters, I secured the pledges of support of our legislative programme from the Hon. Victor M.

Allen, representing the 29th Senatorial district, and the Honorables Fred C. Filley and Bradford Lansing, representing the 1st and 2nd Assembly districts, Rensselaer county, and can report to this Encampment that the gentlemen named were found on the right side of every measure affecting our Order. I may also add that the Honorable William H. Draper, M. C., assured me of his hearty co-operation in Congress with any proposition that would be of benefit to our organization.

On December 24th I was informed that a man wearing the button of our Order was soliciting from the business men of Troy. After considerable difficulty, I succeeded in locating the man, who informed me he was Comrade Frank McKenna, Lockport Camp No. 83, and he was trying to raise \$9 to get to Lockport. I told him to stop his begging upon the strength of a United Spanish War Veteran's button, and that I would furnish him transportation, but as he had nothing to show his membership other than a button, I would telegraph to Lockport to ascertain his standing in our Order. I had him taken care of for the night upon his promise to call on me the next morning for the transportation money. During the night I received a telegram from Commander Hooper, of Lockport, that they knew of no such Comrade. He did not keep his appointment to meet me the next day but continued the practice of soliciting. Acting upon the information furnished me, I secured his arrest and conviction for a violation of section 674a of the Penal Code for wearing the button of our Order when not a member. I believe this conviction will have a salutary effect upon such fakirs in the future.

During the year I made an effort to form a district council, comprising the Camps located at Troy, Cohoes, Saratoga, Glens Falls, Hoosick Falls, Amsterdam, Schenectady, Albany, and Hudson. A meeting for that purpose was held in Troy during the past winter, but, after a thorough discussion of the proposition it was deemed inadvisable, as it would mean considerable expense for the delegates to attend a monthly meeting, and it was also impracticable because of the long distances some Comrades would have to travel to attend such meetings.

I was advised by Department Headquarters to look into the matter of organizing new Camps at Watervliet, Mechanicsville, and Plattsburg. In reference to Watervliet, I can report that

about fifteen Comrades of Russell Camp are residents of that city and are not inclined to leave the Camp with which they are now affiliated. It is my belief that in addition to the men located at the Watervliet Arsenal, there must be twenty-five or thirty men in Watervliet who served in the different branches of the service, and it may become imperative in the near future to form a Camp at Watervliet, in order that our Comrades from that City may obtain all the benefits allowed by the laws of this State. At Mechanicsville I was informed by a Mr. Townsend who was anxious to form a Camp at that place, that he could not secure enough names for a charter. But, as Mechanicsville is a growing town, I hope to be able to muster a new Camp at that place during the coming winter.

At Plattsburg the prospects of a Camp were very bright. I made a visit to that city which is 168 miles from Troy, and ascertained that a large number of men who saw service in the different Regiments located at Plattsburg barracks are permanent residents of that City. I had a meeting with a Mr. H. Martin and left him a charter application blank to secure the names of prospective members. He was to notify me when he procured a sufficient number of names, so that I could attend a meeting and explain the aims and objects of our organization. During the past month I have been informed that the matter of a Camp at that place has been held in abeyance until the fall, when I expect to add another link to our chain of growing Camps. During the past year I received several hundred communications of divers nature, all of which have received my most careful attention and consideration. I attended two meetings of the Council of Administration at New York City; rode on the mounted staff of Department Commander Simmons in the Hudson-Fulton parade of our Order; attended the memorial mass of the Gloucester Naval Camp at the Brooklyn Navy Yard Sunday, May 29th, and the memorial services of the Manhattan Borough Council on the afternoon of the same date. On Saturday, June 18th, I attended the reception tendered by our organization to our Comrade, Theodore Roosevelt; I paid a fraternal visit to Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46, New York city, and was present at the celebration of the tenth anniversary of Captain W. S. Overton Camp No. 29,

Whitestone, L. I. In addition to the foregoing I have made twenty-one visits to up-State Camps, attending re-unions, Camp fires and meetings, and incidentally, attended each of the twenty-four meetings of M. D. Russell Camp, of which I am a member. A brief summary of my travels during the past year follows:

	Miles.
Six visits to New York city.....	1800
One visit to Plattsburg.....	336
Three visits to Schenectady.....	80
Three visits to Albany.....	36
Four visits to Hoosick Falls.....	108
One visit to Utica.....	198
One visit to Hudson.....	70
Five visits to Cohoes.....	30
One visit to Herkimer.....	174
One visit to Ilion.....	178
Two visits to Mechanicsville.....	80
One visit to Kingston.....	120
Total	3210

The above is the sum total of my year's activities for the benefit of our Order. And I may add that, during my incumbency of office, I have received no remuneration of any nature, but was actuated by the sole desire to make my position more than an honorary one, and to render what assistance I could to our hard working Department Commander Maurice Simmons.

In closing I desire to express my heartfelt thanks to the Department Headquarters Staff for the aid and assistance given me, and trust that my efforts in behalf of the betterment of this great Department will meet with the approval of this Encampment.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) WM. J. CUNNINGHAM,

Senior Vice Commander,

Department of New York,

United Spanish War Veterans.

COMRADE J. F. COURT:

I move that the report of the Department Senior Vice-Commander be received and spread upon the minutes of the Encampment.

COMRADE B. A. FLOOD:

I desire to second the motion. (Carried.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The following is the personnel of the special committee on resolutions, to which will be referred all resolutions commendatory of our legislative and other friends, and to which will be referred all letters and telegrams of congratulations. This committee will prepare the forms of the telegrams to be sent to Governor Hughes, to the President of the United States, to the Department of California, and to Comrade Theodore Roosevelt, and will report back at the afternoon session.

Committee on Special Resolutions.—Henry De Witt Hamilton, Chairman; Walter H. Howe, Bernard A. Flood, James H. Cooke, Carl R. Hexamer.

I will now call for the report of the Department Junior Vice-Commander.

Report of Department Junior Vice-Commander.

Department Commander, Comrades and Delegates of the 7th Annual Encampment; United Spanish War Veterans:

I have the honor of submitting the following report of my activities in the office of Junior Vice Department Commander of this State for the year last past. At the beginning of the legislative session in the year 1910, I was detailed by Commander Simmons to have introduced, and, if possible, procure the passage of an amendment to the statute law of this State limiting the power of removal of honorably discharged regular soldiers, sailors and marines, who were engaged in State and municipal civil service. The bill provided that honorably discharged regular soldiers, sailors and marines could not be removed from office except after a trial on charges formally preferred and sustained. In the event of removal, the statute gave the right to ex-soldier, sailor or marine, so removed, to apply to the court for writ of certiorari for the purpose of reviewing the determination of the question.

This bill was an attempt to correct a discrimination which existed against an honorably discharged regular soldier, sailor or marine. At the outset it met strong opposition from a certain type of politicians, but through the efforts of Senator Cobb, whose friendship for this organization has been tried and tested and who, as majority leader of the State Senate, occupied a commanding position, it was passed by the State Senate. I had likewise, at the request of the Department Commander, caused to be introduced in the State Senate and sponsored by Senator Cobb, the bill known as the "Poor Law."

On March 23, 1910, I received the following telegram from Senator Cobb: "Spanish War Veterans bills passed yesterday and your organization better look after the matter in Assembly. There is quite a pronounced opposition to both bills." Thereafter the fight on this legislation centered in the Assembly. On the same date I wired Department Commander Simmons as outlined in the foregoing telegram and received from him the following reply on said date. "Am ill. Immediately see Speaker Wadsworth with Pitkin and Sweet, arranging procedure." I immediately got in touch with Albany and arranged for a hearing before committee, if necessary, and also arranged to protect these measures from pernicious amendments.

On March 26, 1910, I received a communication from Department Commander Simmons, requesting information as to the committee situation on the Civil Service bill and also as to status of Poor Bill, which letter says in conclusion: "Will you write me in detail, at the same time realizing that fate of Spanish War legislation is in your hands and that the responsibility is a tremendous one."

Through the Department Commander, Saratoga Camp 58, whose splendid hospitality you are enjoying to-day, was brought into the fight and did noble service through Assemblyman Whitney, Chairman of the Assembly Committee on Internal Affairs. I brought all the influence I could command to bear upon the Assemblyman from my own district, Hon. T. C. Sweet. In letter of date, April 12, 1910, Mr. Sweet wrote me — "I shall appear before the Committee this p. m. if the session adjourns in time for the Committee to have a meeting and hope to be able to have the

civil service amendment reported out of Committee. There is considerable opposition to the measure and I cannot, as yet, prophesy the result."

Numerous other letters and telegrams passed between Senator Cobb and Assemblyman Sweet and myself in reference to these measures.

It was the opinion of Department Commander Simmons that a hearing before the Committee should be avoided, if possible. The Civil Service Reform League, an organization made up of idle rich purists, was opposing the civil service amendment and the State Charities Aid Association was opposing the passage of the "Poor Bill."

On April 25, 1910, I received the following letter from Assemblyman Sweet: "Your bill, power of removal, etc., passed Assembly to-night. This takes care of both of your measures, the other being the "Poor Law" so called as far as the Legislature is concerned, it being up to the Governor from now out. Think he will sign them all right. Awaiting your command, I remain, Yours Truly, T. C. Sweet."

Shortly thereafter the Governor signed the "Poor Bill" which permits the man who once wore the uniform of his country to obtain, in time of need, aid without the humiliation of becoming a public pauper.

A hearing was demanded on the civil service amendment and Department Commander Simmons and myself appeared before the Governor and urged him to make this bill a law by his signature. Thereafter he signed the bill, filing a memorandum of his approval. I have attempted to give but a small portion of correspondence connected with my efforts to effect the enactment of these measures.

Apart from the legislative work, I have organized and mustered into this organization, Camp Esmond, at Fulton, N. Y., and made a number of official visits to the various Camps in my vicinity and have held myself at all times ready and willing to do all in my power in the interest of the organization. I have kept in close touch with Camps at Watertown, Syracuse, Auburn, Fulton and Rochester, and it has been my endeavor to aid in every way possible these Camps, as well as other Camps in our part of the State.

I beg leave to suggest that the existing statutory law to the benefit of the members of the organization be published in pamphlet form and distributed among the several Camps so that every veteran can know his rights under the law. The existing benefits resulting from the statute now on the books should be enforced even at the expense of the various Camps whose members are affected.

I believe that this organization can go far in the matter of legislation. It is my belief that a constitutional amendment giving the same preference now accorded veterans of the Civil War can be put through the Legislature preparatory to submission to the people. The fraternal, social and civic growth of our organization of this State is assured.

In conclusion I desire to pledge my best efforts, what ability I possess, unqualifiedly to the advancement of our Order.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) FRANCIS D. CULKIN,

Junior Vice-Commander.

COMRADE MORRIS:

I move that the report be received and spread upon the minutes of this Encampment.

COMRADE GREENBAUM:

I second the motion. (Carried.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The report of the Department Adjutant will be read.

Report of Department Adjutant.

To the Department Commander and Delegates:

COMRADES.—I have the honor to report to you as Department Adjutant that, immediately after my appointment, I commenced the work of carrying into effect the resolutions adopted at the Sixth Annual Encampment which properly belonged to my Department, and this work was completed within sixty days after the close of the Encampment.

During the term there have been seven general orders issued and a sufficient number of copies of these have been sent to the Adjutant of Camps to enable them to furnish a copy to each member of their respective Camps.

In addition to the general orders, several special orders and circulars have been issued making the total of printed orders and circulars issued as follows:

General Orders	45,000
Special Orders	750
Circulars	1,500
Miscellaneous	2,000
Total	49,250

In addition to the above I have written about one thousand letters, and fifteen hundred postal cards. Carbon copies of all letters sent out during the term are on file. During the term I received nearly three thousand letters and circulars and acknowledged receipt of every communication received. A copy of all general orders are attached to and form part of this report.

This Department is on the mailing list of every Department in the Order, and copies of the general orders of all Departments are on file. This exchange of Departmental literature has been of benefit to this Department, and it is hoped that other Departments have profited by the perusal and study of the printed matter issued by the Department of New York.

In my report to the Sixth Department Encampment, the strength of the order in this Department was given as 4,045; this is not accurate, however, as several Camps had filed no reports for the term. The incomplete returns for the term ending June 30, 1910, prevent me from giving the strength of the Department except approximately. The reports for the term ending June 30th, show a strength of 4,368 members, but eighteen Camps have filed no reports for the term.

The following table gives the strength of each Camp in the Department:

Camp No.	Term ending Dec. 31, 1909.	Term ending June 30, 1910.	Gain during term.	Lost during term.	Remarks.
1.....	387	399	12	..	
2.....	90	90	..	..	
3.....	50	50	..	..	No report.
4.....	236	230	..	6	

Camp No.	Term ending Dec. 31, 1909.	Term ending June 30, 1910.	Gain during term.	Lost during term.	Remarks.
5.....	75	65	..	10	
6.....	23	23	..	..	
7.....	70	69	..	1	
8.....	34	34	..	..	
9.....	35	37	2	..	
11.....	77	83	6	..	
12.....	204	215	11	..	
15.....	30	35	5	..	
16.....	140	140	..	..	
17.....	34	34	..	..	No report.
18.....	34	34	..	..	No report.
19.....	186	205	19	..	
20.....	65	65	..	..	No report.
21.....	72	72	..	..	
22.....	27	25	..	2	
23.....	40	51	11	..	
24.....	63	71	8	..	
25.....	137	164	27	..	
26.....	78	80	2	..	
27.....	27	32	5	..	
28.....	78	86	8	..	
29.....	29	29	..	..	
30.....	77	69	..	..	
31.....	50	50	..	..	
32.....	...	...	..	..	No report.
33.....	35	35	..	..	
34.....	40	46	6	..	
35.....	32	32	..	..	No report.
36.....	103	95	..	8	
37.....	28	28	..	..	
38.....	151	151	..	..	
39.....	53	54	1	..	
40.....	42	42	..	..	
41.....	...	...	..	..	Charter revoked.
42.....	50	48	..	2	
43.....	98	80	..	18	
44.....	83	82	..	1	
45.....	74	70	..	4	
46.....	60	60	..	..	
47.....	16	14	..	2	
48.....	32	35	3	..	
49.....	91	100	9	..	
50.....	...	...	..	..	Charter revoked.
51.....	16	16	..	..	
52.....	32	32	..	..	
53.....	69	69	..	..	No report.
54.....	...	...	..	..	Charter revoked.

Camp No.	Term ending Dec. 31, 1909.	Term ending June 30, 1910.	Gain during term.	Lost during term.	Remarks.
55.....	...	...	..	..	Charter revoked.
56.....	28	34	6	..	
57.....	...	...	..	..	No report.
58.....	32	43	11	..	
59.....	61	89	28	..	
60.....	37	30	..	7	
61.....	20	16	..	4	
62.....	65	45	..	20	
63.....	...	27	..	..	Reorganized.
64.....	...	...	..	..	Charter revoked.
65.....	61	26	..	33	
66.....	36	44	8	..	
67.....	20	20	..	..	No report.
68.....	20	20	..	..	
69.....	30	33	3	..	
70.....	...	...	..	..	Charter revoked.
71.....	30	30	..	..	
72.....	...	...	..	..	No report.
73.....	76	97	21	..	
74.....	30	30	..	..	No report.
75.....	...	...	..	..	No report.
76.....	...	...	..	..	No report.
77.....	25	25	..	..	No Report.
78.....	75	82	7	..	
79.....	27	33	6	..	
80.....	50	50	..	..	No report.
81.....	65	64	..	1	
82.....	19	27	8	..	
83.....	17	26	9	..	
84.....	36	64	28	..	
85.....	52	111	59	..	
86.....	47	47	..	..	No report.
87.....	...	...	..	..	No report.
88.....	...	14	..	..	New Camp.
89.....	...	38	..	..	
	<u>4,512</u>	<u>4,823</u>	<u>230</u>	<u>127</u>	

Note: Where no reports have been received from a camp the membership at last report is given.

I desire at this time to call attention to the fact that a complete report for any one term has never been made by the Camps of this Department. Repeated requests have been made to the Commanders and also to the Adjutants of delinquent Camps to forward

their reports, but the results have been disappointing, and each succeeding Department Adjutant has been compelled to report that, in spite of his efforts, there are still Camps in the Department that are delinquent for reports for one or more terms.

In order to emphasize the need of improvement in the filing of reports and to place the delinquent Camps on record, I hereby attach the proceedings of the first, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth Encampments as an appendix to this report, marking them as Appendix A, B, C, D, E, F, to the proceedings of this Encampment.

The provisions of the rules and regulations depriving Camps of representation at Department Encampments unless their reports are filed, have never been enforced in this Department, and until they are so enforced, the same conditions relative to reports will continue.

The failure of a Camp Commander to file reports should be made the basis of charges of neglect of duty, punishable by a summary removal from office by the Department Commander.

TAPS.

Name of Comrade.	Camp.	Date of Death.
James Dooley.....	Manhattan No. 1.....	Oct. 10, 1908.
H. De Crignes.....	Defendam No. 36.....	July 21, 1909.
August Bader.....	Admiral Coghlan No. 82.	Aug. 6, 1909.
William Dowling.....	W. H. Hubbell No. 4...	Aug. 8, 1909.
John Garrity.....	H. W. Hubbell No. 24..	Aug. 27, 1909.
Anton Anderson.....	Gloucester No. 5.....	Aug. 31, 1909.
H. H. Fink.....	Admiral Coghlan No. 82.	Aug. 31, 1909.
Charles Mathias.....	Roosevelt No. 10.....	Sept. 23, 1909.
John Hasselberg.....	H. J. Reilly No. 34....	Oct. 7, 1909.
Leo Greaves.....	Admiral Schley No. 16..	Oct. 26, 1909.
Louis Rothschild.....	Admiral McCalla No. 65.	Nov. 6, 1909.
J. A. Nelson.....	Admiral Philip No. 18..	Nov. 25, 1909.
Justin Ellison.....	H. W. Lawton No. 21...	Dec. 29, 1909.
Frank Urel.....	Philippine No. 87.....	Jan. 15, 1910.
Charles Carr.....	Wm. McKinley No. 62..	Jan. 19, 1910.
John Hanson.....	Samuel Porter No. 45..	March 15, 1910.
Oliver Locke.....	W. H. Hubbell No. 4...	March 16, 1910.
Fred. Alexander.....	O. Ross Wheeler No. 35.	March 19, 1910.
Reuben Reeves.....	Admiral Sampson No. 48.	March 21, 1910.
George Haeberli.....	Seyburn-Liscum No. 12.	March 25, 1910.
Richard Cavanagh.....	Capron No. 22.....	March 28, 1910.
Frank Pierce.....	14th Regiment No. 14..	April 30, 1910.
George Ross.....	Saratoga No. 58.....	May 10, 1910.

Name of Camrade.	Camp.	Date of Death.
Fred. J. Ottoson.....	Warren A. Wilson No. 9.	June 18, 1910.
Fred. M. Coleman.....	Saratoga No. 38.....	June 20, 1910.
John J. Gallagher.....	West Point No. 85.....	June 26, 1910.
Geo. W. Frothingham...	Manhattan No. 1.....	July 6, 1910.
John A. Gruber.....	Seyburn-Liscum No. 12.	July 6, 1910.

In October, 1909, the Department Commander directed that a series of official visits, covering every Camp in the Department, be arranged, and instructed the Adjutant to submit a list of Comrades selected to make these visits, together with a list of the Camps they were to visit and the dates on which the visits were to be made, at the same time notifying the Camp Commander of the proposed visits. This work involved a great deal of labor but was successfully accomplished, and great credit is due to those Comrades detailed as official visitors who, with very few exceptions, made the visits assigned them on the dates given in the notice forwarded them. The following-named Comrades constituted the detail for the official visits to the various Camps:

W. E. Prendergast,	John Sorg,
C. W. Herriek,	Theo. A. Dreis,
Jas. F. Court,	Geo. W. Harris,
Hamilton Ward,	A. W. A. Geiersberg,
Chas. Olivier,	C. E. Haller,
Chas. Guinther,	A. J. Griffin,
Fred. C. Kuehnle,	Wm. J. Hooper,
John H. Grant,	J. E. J. Clare,
John S. Adair,	C. C. Mosher,
Thos. J. Quinn,	A. L. Beckhardt,
John T. Oates,	Carl Hexamer,
Wm. Macauley,	M. J. Mendelsohn,
John S. Hays,	B. H. Thomas,
E. E. Swartwood,	John Daly,
Jos. Simpson,	E. Walker,
T. J. O'Donnell,	Wm. Woods,
Michael Rogers,	Bert Liddell,
Wm. Downs,	R. Hall, Jr.
Isaac Joel,	Aug. Aschemoor,
H. O. Clair,	Fred. Grisard,

Emil Wohler,	Walter Anderson,
C. Martin,	T. Fitzgerald,
Frederick Woodhull,	P. Harney,
Garrett V. Johnson,	T. Dinan,
Patrick Kelly,	F. D. Culkin,
Wm. J. Cunningham,	A. J. Kennedy,
Henry Schwartz,	Torrey Ball,
W. E. Bryde,	W. M. Bemus,
Jos. Butterworth,	John Finnerty,
B. Fagan,	C. W. G. Koenig,
B. Wall,	F. Lakestream.
J. Whelen,	

In addition to the above-named Comrades, great assistance in the work of visiting the Camps was rendered by the Aides-de-Camp to the Department Commander. These Comrades responded to a great many demands on their time to visit Camps, attended social functions, installations, etc., and displayed great interest in all the undertakings of the Department. The following is a list of the Aides-de-Camp appointed during the term:

Name of Aide.	Camp No.	Name of Aide.	Camp No.
Thos. F. Berkery.....	1	John Conway	30
Geo. McCune	2	John J. Murphy	31
John Daly	5	M. C. Ashley	32
Melville Lethbridge	6	B. F. Gambrell	36
J. B. Fitch	8	A. A. Lowande	38
Howard McOmber	9	Chas. H. Manro	39
H. T. Morse	10	Chas. Shinn	43
John McMullen	11	Geo. Waterman	44
Albert Kuhn	12	A. F. Allen	45
William Macauley	14	Frank Smith	46
John Walters	16	Jas. L. McPherson	48
Jos. Perdue	20	John Whelen	49
William Gundry	22	Walter A. Stevens	52
Edwin Graff	23	John J. Green	53
Leon Greenbaum	24	H. O. Clair	56
Carl Zuck	25	A. W. A. Geiersberg....	58
Theo. A. Dreis	28	Theo. Schmidt	59

Name of Aide.	Camp No.	Name of Aide.	Camp No.
Chas. Stephens	62	John Leya	80
J. F. Ford	65	Walter Williams	81
Albert Drake	66	Albert Hoffman	82
Wm. S. Lynt	68	Wm. Martin	83
Jas. Carroll	73	Chas. French	84
Timothy Dinan	78	Carlyle W. G. Koenig	85

The policy of the Department Commander has been to stimulate the interest of the Comrades of the Department, and to urge them to take an active part in the work of upbuilding, extending and strengthening the organization: Particular stress has been laid on the following subjects:

RECRUITING.

The field for the extension of the Order has been well covered and, with the exception of three organizations which may be added to the Order, there is small chance of forming new Camps. There is, however, a large field for recruiting for the Camps already formed, as our Order is still but one-third as large as it should be in this State.

RITUAL.

A marked improvement is shown in the ritualistic work of the Camps in this Department. This is the direct result of the Department Commander's instructions to installing officers to exact a pledge from Comrades assuming office to memorize that part of the ritual corresponding to their respective offices.

LEGISLATION.

As the reports of the Department Commander and the Department Judge-Advocate deal fully with this subject, it is unnecessary for me to refer to it here, except as to the "Printing Law" which grants to our Order the privilege of having one thousand copies of the proceedings of this and all future Encampments printed by the State printer at the expense of the State. As the editing of the proceedings will involve a great deal of work, and a good knowledge of the condition of the Department, it will be necessary to have this work done by a Comrade who is familiar with all the details of the organization in this State, and no Com-

rade can do this work better than the one who has had the handling of the correspondence, reports, etc., of the Department, I therefore recommend that it be made the practice of the Encampments to charge the outgoing Department Adjutant with this duty, making provision for necessary expenses, should any be incurred.

The year has been productive of great events. Our Comrades have been called upon to show the strength of our Order on many occasions. The first of these was the great Hudson-Fulton celebration, conducted, as far as our part was concerned, under the auspices of the Camps of Greater New York. This great function, planned and executed with consummate skill, reflected great credit on our Order and added largely to its prestige.

MAINE MEMORIAL SERVICE.

On Sunday, February 20, 1910, a memorial service was held in Carnegie Hall, in the city of New York, in honor of the martyred dead of the "Maine," and to voice the patriotic demand for the removal of the remaining dead from the slime of Havana harbor to their rightful resting place in the National Cemetery at Arlington. The management of this function was placed in the hands of the following committee:

Committee of Arrangements, Memorial Service, Carnegie Hall, New York, February 20, 1910: Comrade Bernhardt Wall, Chairman; John S. Adair, Secy.-Treas.; John P. Devane, August H. Aschemoor, Leon Greenbaum, Arthur Fairlamb, Thomas Regan, Axel J. Swenson.

The result was highly creditable to Comrade Wall and his associates and demonstrated the influence and power of our Order.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Our members have good reason to be proud of the manner in which the several Camps of this Department discharged the sacred duties to our dead Comrades, by the decoration of their graves and the holding of memorial services to commemorate their services to their country. In all parts of the State our Comrades were gathered together to pay honor to those who have gone before. Among the more important functions were the memorial services conducted by the Borough Councils of New York City

and the Joint City Board of Buffalo, and the monster memorial military field mass conducted under the auspices of Gloucester Camp, which was attended by at least twenty-five thousand people of all creeds, and which is by far the greatest memorial service conducted by any organized body in the United States. The Comrades of Gloucester Camp deserve the commendation of every man who has the interest of our Order at heart, for their splendid work and the great prestige brought to the U. S. W. V. by that work.

In the military parades in which our Camps participated, the military bearing and fine soldierly appearance of the men, and the splendid discipline shown by them evoked favorable comment from press and public.

COGHLAN COMMITTEE.

In obedience to the mandate of the Sixth Encampment, the Department Commander appointed the following Comrades a committee to raise funds for the erection of a suitable monument to our late Department Commander, Rear Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan.

Past Surgeon-General John H. Grant, Chairman	Seyburn-Liscum No. 12.
Past Commander-in-Chief Hamilton Ward....	Seyburn-Liscum No. 12.
Past Chaplain-in-Chief W. H. I. Reaney.....	Gloucester No. 5.
Past Department Commander Chas. A. Simmons	L. Boardman Smith No. 25.
Past Department Commander Frank Keck....	Major Frank Keck, No. 53.
Department Senior Vice-Commander, Wm. J. Cunningham	M. D. Russell No. 2.
Department Junior Vice-Commander Francis D. Culkin	Rob't C. Anderson No. 26.
Judge Advocate Jas. F. Court.....	Old Guard No. 19.
Wm. Macauley, Chairman Memorial and Executive Committee, Brooklyn.....	14th Regiment No. 14.
Past Junior Vice-Commander Fred C. Kuehnle,	Roosevelt No. 10.
Past Department Inspector A. J. Kennedy....	W. S. Overton No. 29.
Past Junior Vice-Commander John T. Oates..	Decker No. 20.
Past Commander Peter Bartnett.....	Crosby No. 37.
Past Junior Vice-Commander Emil Wohler...	Seyburn-Liscum No. 12.
Commander W. E. Downs.....	Manhattan No. 1.
Comrade John P. Treanor.....	M. D. Russell No. 2.
Comrade William Hunt.....	Thos. H. Barber No. 3.
Comrade Jas. W. Robb.....	Hon. Stephen Sanford No. 6.
Comrade Wesley Bryde	Wm. R. Carmer No. 8.

Comrade R. S. Hall, Jr.....	Warren A. Wilson No. 9.
Commander Jas. P. Rowan.....	Roosevelt No. 10.
Comrade Jas. McCullugh.....	Admiral Schley No. 16.
Past Commander Daniel J. Murphy.....	Old Guard No. 19.
Past Commander Wm. F. Morgan.....	Capron No. 22.
Past Commander Wm. B. Zimmer.....	L. B. Smith No. 25.
Commander Edward Burton.....	F. R. Palmer No. 28.
Comrade A. E. McIntyre.....	A. C. Weller No. 32.
Past Commander W. B. Hotchkin.....	Defendam No. 36.
Comrade Jas. H. Cooke.....	Guy V. Henry No. 38.
Comrade Geo. W. Nellis.....	Louis B. Lawton No. 39.
Comrade Geo. K. Cox.....	G. D. Russell No. 43.
Past Commander John A. Sorg.....	Sague No. 44.
Comrade Albert Gilbert.....	Samuel M. Porter No. 45.
Comrade Joseph De Souza.....	Hamilton Fish No. 46.
Comrade Christopher Monahan.....	F. C. Warner No. 52.
Comrade Henry C. H. Stewart.....	Major Frank Keck No. 53.
Comrade C. D. Carter.....	Louis W. Carlisle No. 56.
Comrade Wm. H. Waterbury.....	Saratoga No. 58.
Department Inspector Frank D. Lakestream..	David Wilson No. 59.
Past Commander Paul Vandevælde.....	Hugo E. Kruse No. 61.
Comrade Chas. Stephens.....	Wm. McKinley No. 62.
Comrade Wm. J. Wilkes.....	H. B. Moore No. 78.
Past Department Adjutant Wm. A. Reardon..	Jos. B. Coghlan No. 82.
Comrade Chas. Rignel.....	Lockport No. 83.
Comrade Oscar Seder.....	Elliott No. 84.
Comrade Jas. Schiller.....	West Point No. 85.
Past Commander John P. Devane.....	Guy V. Henry No. 38.
Comrade Edwin D. Graff.....	New York City No. 23.
Comrade E. H. P. Squire.....	Fitzgerald No. 79.

The report of this committee will be read to you by the chairman, Comrade John H. Grant, showing the progress made in this labor of love.

UNIFORM COMMITTEE.

With a view to devising ways and means to increase the number of uniformed Comrades in this Department, the Department Commander appointed the following committee to consider the subject and report to this Encampment: Comrades Oscar F. Berger, Chairman, Patrick J. Kelly, A. Scott Anderson, Arthur Fairlamb, John H. Ehmann, Frank J. Gill, Timothy J. Dinan, Chas. Stephens.

The chairman of this committee will submit his report to you and make known the results of his work.

REVISION COMMITTEE.

For the purpose of revising the rules and regulations of the Department, the following committee was appointed with instructions to report the results of their labors to this Encampment: Comrades F. C. Kuehnle, Chairman; John T. Ryan, John T. Oates, A. J. Kennedy, Edward E. Swartwood, Jas. F. Court, Frank D. Lakestream, John E. J. Clare.

The report which will be submitted to this Encampment by the chairman of the revision committee will outline the changes necessary to give the Department a working basis on which to carry on the great volume of work that necessarily attaches to the administration of the greatest Department in the Order. The report of this committee should receive the serious consideration of every delegate present at this Encampment.

COMMITTEE ON POOR LAW ADMINISTRATION.

When the law granting to the Camps of United Spanish War Veterans in this State the right to distribute relief to Comrades in distress, and be reimbursed for such expenditures from the county treasury was enacted, it became necessary to consider ways and means for its proper and orderly administration, to the end that prompt relief would be forthcoming in worthy cases, and, at the same time, protect the organization from the stigma of reproach that would inevitably follow any unlawful use of the public funds entrusted to our care. The great privilege granted us by the Legislature should be used in such manner as to prove that we are worthy of the confidence placed in us by the representatives of the people of the State. The following is a list of the committee appointed by the Department Commander to consider this important subject: Comrades William J. S. Dineen, Chairman; C. A. Simmons, Francis D. Culkin, John D. Driscoll, Frank D. Lakestream, Harlan P. Hamlin, Timothy J. Dinan, Alfred J. Kennedy, John T. Oates, W. Fenton Meyers, F. Van Buren, P. J. Lauby, Carl R. Hexamer, Wm. J. Cunningham, Philip G. Roosa, Emil Wohler, Garrett V. Johnson, M. C. Fraser, B. Wall, Jos. Kaiser, J. T. Smith, H. A. Morgan, A. J. Griffin, F. D. Grisard, H. C. Todd.

The report of this committee, while making several recommendations applicable to large cities, does not go far enough and the subject should be further considered until a working plan is submitted covering every condition under which this relief problem can present itself.

ROOSEVELT RECEPTION.

The return to the United States of our distinguished Comrade, Theodore Roosevelt, was made the occasion of a great public reception in which our Order was given precedence over all other organizations, and which demonstrated again the loyalty of our members to the best interests of the U. S. W. V. This function was arranged under the supervision of the following committee, of which Comrade Bernhardt Wall was chairman: Past Commander-in-Chief M. Emmett Urell, Past Commander-in-Chief Hamilton Ward, Past Commander-in-Chief Charles W. Newton, Past Department Commander, Frank Keck, Past Department Commander John T. Hilton of New Jersey, Past Department Commander Henry H. Saunders of Connecticut, Past Department Commander John T. Collins of New Jersey, Past Department Commander Richard R. Flynn of Massachusetts, Past Department Commander Fred J. Breckbill of Connecticut, Department Commander Geo. F. Gammons of Connecticut, Department Commander H. J. McCammon of Massachusetts, Department Commander William H. Newman of New Jersey, Past Commander Michael Reagan, Past Commander Daniel J. Murphy, Department Adjutant E. W. Larkin, Department Quartermaster, Thomas J. Quinn.

Arrangements Committee.

Bernhardt Wall, Chairman; Wm. H. Johnson, Vice-Chairman; Frank D. Lakestream, Secretary; John S. Adair, Fred. C. Kuehnle, Wm. Macauley, Jas. P. Rowan, Aug. H. Aschemoor, Albert Franke, A. L. Beckhardt, Wm. E. Downs, John Daly, William Dunney, W. S. Styles, Jas. S. Long, Joseph Kaiser, Carl R. Hexamer, John P. Devane, Walter J. Anderson, C. W. Robertson, Emil Wohler.

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION.

The officials of the city of New York, desiring to eliminate the usual noise incident to the day, arranged what is popularly known as a "Safe and Sane" celebration of the Glorious Fourth, which included a military parade, followed by historical exercises, in which a considerable number of our Comrades participated; but, owing to the hasty manner in which the affair was arranged, our showing on this occasion was not as good as on the other occasions outlined above.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

During the year there have been four meetings of the council, December 4, 1909, March 5, 1910, June 25, 1910, and August 1, 1910. The minutes of these meetings are attached to and form part of this report.

Before closing this report I desire to offer the following recommendations:

(1) That a uniform design of Camp stationery be used by the Camps of this Department, bearing the name and address of the Commander, Adjutant and Quartermaster, and the time and meeting place of the Camp. This stationery to be furnished to Camps at cost price on requisition. The design to be that now used by Niagara Falls Camp No. 7.

(2) That the national rules and regulations be so amended that no Past Commander, whose Camp is delinquent for semi-annual report for the term during which he was Commander, be permitted to participate in any Department Encampment or enjoy any other privilege pertaining to the office of Past Commander.

(3) That all moneys for per capita tax, supplies, etc., be forwarded direct to the Department Quartermaster, relieving the Department Adjutant of all duties in connection with financial matters.

DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT.

During the last month of the term the Adjutant labors under a heavy burden of work in addition to the regular routine work of the Department. The additional work is caused by the necessary preparation for the Encampment, the issuing of credentials and making up of lists of those entitled to membership in the Encamp-

ment, the preparation of reports and a mass of tabulated matter showing the condition of the Department in comparison with the preceding term, and many other duties which try the patience of the Comrade charged with these duties and force him to neglect everything in order to be ready to give an account of the work of his office during the year. It is almost impossible for the Department Adjutant to have a complete report ready for the opening of the Encampment owing to the carelessness of some of our Camp Commanders who withhold their reports and even the names of their delegates are not sent in until their arrival at the Encampment city, making it necessary to prepare a supplementary report. No Camp should be allowed to participate in an Encampment unless its reports are filed, its per capita tax paid, and the names of its delegates forwarded at least ten days prior to the date set for the opening of the Encampment.

In closing I desire to thank the Department Commander for the honor conferred upon me by appointment as Department Adjutant, and to acknowledge that whatever measure of success I have attained in the performance of the duties assigned me, has been largely due to the splendid example given by him in his untiring efforts and self-sacrificing labors for the uplift of our beloved Order.

My Comrades, during the term about to close, I have endeavored to perform the duties of my office in a spirit of strict impartiality.

No Camp, or individual Comrade, has failed to receive prompt attention and, to the best of my knowledge, no duty has been neglected or any matter of interest to Camp or Comrade referred to me, been allowed to remain without attention. The records of the office are in first-class condition and my successor will have no difficulty in locating any correspondence that may be required. The office is fully and completely equipped for the routine work and no expense for new equipment, excepting stationery, will be necessary for some time to come.

To my brother officers in the Department, with whom I have labored in complete harmony for the advancement of the Order, I beg to tender my sincere thanks for their co-operation in the work of the Department, and their unfailing courtesy at all times.

I desire to acknowledge the assistance rendered me by the Department Treasurer of the Ladies Auxiliary, Mrs. Ray L. Dyas, who has done a great deal of work during the year in getting out mimeograph letters and circulars in large quantities. The work done by this lady should be officially recognized by this Encampment.

In conclusion I wish to express the desire that each succeeding year will find the Camps and individual Comrades of the Order more closely united in the bonds of fraternal comradeship.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK,
UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS,
NEW YORK, *September 10, 1909.*

General Orders No. 1.

I. Having been duly elected Department Commander, I hereby assume command of the Department of New York, U. S. W. V.

II. The following Department Officers were elected at the Sixth Department Encampment held at Oswego, N. Y., August 2, 3, 4, 1909:

Senior Vice-Commander William J. Cunningham, Troy.

Junior Vice-Commander Francis D. Culkin, Oswego.

Department Inspector Frank D. Lakestream, New York City.

Department Medical Director Garrett V. Johnson, M.D., Schenectady.

Department Judge Advocate Jas. F. Court, New York City.

Department Chaplain Rev. W. H. I. Reaney, Brooklyn.

Department Marshal William Barry, Rochester.

Council of Administration.

P. F. Harney, Manhattan Camp No. 1, New York.

John Finnerty, Admiral Schley Camp No. 16, Brooklyn.

John P. Devane, Gen. Guy V. Henry Camp No. 38, New York.

John F. Schleeter, Capron Camp No. 22, Brooklyn.

Bert E. Liddell, E. H. Liscum Camp No. 33, Utica.

C. W. Herrick, Col. Walter Scott Camp No. 42, Oneonta.
Wm. H. Beaman, Samuel M. Porter Camp No. 45, Jamestown.
C. E. Haller, Seyburn-Liscum Camp No. 12, Buffalo.

Delegates-at-Large to National Encampment.

W. Martin Watson, New York.
John Driscoll, Elmira.
John F. Dwyer, Brooklyn.
Chas. Olivier, Troy.

Alternate Delegates-at-Large.

Bernhardt Wall, New York.
Robert Flinch, Brooklyn.
Patrick F. Kelly, New York.
Terence J. O'Donnell, New York.

III. The following appointments are hereby announced:

Department Adjutant Ernest W. Larkin, Brooklyn.
Department Quartermaster, Thos. J. Quinn, New York.
Chief of Staff, John Driscoll, Elmira.
Chief Mustering Officer Harlan P. Hamlin, Ilion.
Department Historian, Malcolm C. Fraser, White Plains.
They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Hudson-Fulton Celebration.

IV. The eyes of New York and of the nation are focussed on the great tercentenary commemoration about to be held in the Hudson Valley and its vicinage. In the official military parade to be held in the City of New York, Thursday, September 30, the U. S. W. V. has been assigned an important position. Realizing that an opportunity will thereby be accorded to several millions of people to come into visual contact with our Order, the Departments of New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts and others are sending large quotas to participate in the parade. The Camps in the territory affected by the celebration are each sending full contingents.

Camp Commanders are hereby charged with responsibility for the uniformed representation from their several Camps. Every energy should be utilized to turn out the full strength of each

Camp. By our numbers mainly will we favorably impress the public.

These Headquarters have been in communication with various public functionaries and the executives of large transportation companies with reference to granting leave of absence to Comrades employed under their jurisdiction. Application for same should be made in writing, state the Comrade's Camp, and be endorsed by his Camp Commander.

Past Judge Advocate W. Martin Watson is hereby empowered and authorized to make and perfect all arrangements with reference to the U. S. W. V. section of the parade. Camps, District Boards and kindred bodies will report to him for information and direction.

Department Encampment.

V. The sixth annual muster of the Department of New York is now closed. The fullest meed of commendation should be awarded the participants in the Encampment. The following editorial, published in the Oswego *Palladium* of August 4, 1909, marks its high plane of efficiency.

"The U. S. W. V.—A Business Organization.

"The sixth annual encampment of the New York State Department, United Spanish War Veterans, has passed into history. Despite the fact that there were nearly four hundred delegates in attendance not an act was committed during the convention to call forth criticism. The members came here to transact certain business and it was noticeable that relaxation did not come until the business was accomplished. There was not a veteran that did not demonstrate by his actions that he had a wholesome respect for his organization, for the city which had the honor of entertaining him and for the country and his flag."

For the spirit of hospitality that prevailed the city and that made the occasion memorably pleasant, acknowledgment is made by these Headquarters to Comrades Torrey A. Ball, C. F. Martin and Francis D. Culkin, of Robert C. Anderson Camp No. 26, Oswego. The successful consummation of the transportation program, outlined and perfected by Comrade John E. J. Clare, Old

Guard Camp No. 19, insures for the Department satisfactory railroad arrangements in the future.

The recruiting awards for net increase in membership for the term from January 1 to June 30, 1909, were made as follows:

First Prize. \$100, donated by National Aide William D. Tucker, to David Wilson Camp No. 59, Bronx, net gain 330 per cent.

Second Prize. Painting in water colors, by Past President Bernhardt Wall, Manhattan Borough Council, to Joseph S. Decker Camp No. 20, net gain 44 per cent.

Comrade William D. Tucker has offered a further recruiting prize of \$100, and Comrade Arthur E. Luzzi, of Major Frank Keck Camp No. 53, one of \$50, the terms and conditions accompanying which will be presented in a forthcoming general order.

Saratoga, Niagara Falls and Syracuse have each requested the privilege of entertaining the next Department Encampment, but the choice of time and place has been referred to the Council of Administration.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. Directing the appointment of a committee of five by the Department Commander to revise the Department Rules and Regulations, and to report thereon at the next Encampment;

2. Urging the National Government to increase the monthly pension of the widow of the late Rear Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan, Past Department Commander, from \$50 to \$100, and instructing the New York delegation to the National Encampment to submit a similar resolution to its consideration;

3. Directing that the Camp Commander who omits or neglects to have Department General Orders forwarded to each member of his Camp be subjected to disciplinary punishment;

4. Directing the framing of legislation for the amendment of the Poor Law, so as to include as relief-disbursing agencies the Commanders and Quartermasters of Camps, and invoking the co-operation of the G. A. R in this contemplated legislation;

5. Requesting the amendment of the State Civil Service Law, so as to extend to Regulars the privileges enjoyed in the public employment by Volunteers who served during the Spanish War, etc.;

6. Requesting the amendment of the Public Printing Law, so as to enable the publication of the proceedings of the Department Encampments of New York, at the expense of the State;

7. Endorsing the National administration under Commander-in-Chief Charles W. Newton;

8. Expressing appreciation for the loyal services of Mrs. Kathryn Fellows, President of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Department of New York;

9. Requesting the National Encampment to adopt resolutions furthering the twenty-five-year retirement bill on behalf of soldiers in the regular service of the United States;

10. Urging the National Government to raise the wreck of the Maine, and to recover the bodies of deceased shipmates buried in Havana Harbor;

11. Requesting the National Encampment to urge the Governmental authorities to raise the wreck of the Maine, and to recover the bodies of our deceased shipmates;

12. Directing the Department Commander to appoint a committee for the purpose of gathering contributions for the erection of a memorial to our late Department Commander, Rear Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan;

13. Requesting and empowering our Council of Administration in its discretion to arrange for holding the next Department Encampment at the same time and place as that of the G. A. R.;

14. Urging Congress to make an additional appropriation for the making and distribution of Philippine medals;

15. Directing the Department Inspector to arrange an early itinerary of inspections in order to gauge the progress of Camps in ritual memorization;

16. Requesting the National Encampment to urge legislation directing the War Department to issue arms and ammunition to our Camps, in order to promote the formation of Camp rifle clubs;

17. Providing that all monies appropriated by the State or any of its political subdivisions to the U. S. W. V. be distributed per capita as far as practicable;

18. Instructing the delegates from the Department of New York to the National Encampment to use every endeavor to secure the re-election of Rev. William H. I. Reaney as Chaplain-in-Chief;

19. Requesting the delegates from the Department of New York to the National Encampment to use every endeavor to effect the nomination and election of Comrade William D. Tucker as National Historian.

Further resolutions will be published in the next General Order.

Department Historian.

VI. Commanders are hereby directed to instruct their respective Adjutants to forward to the Department Historian, Malcolm C. Fraser, 176 Railroad avenue, White Plains, clippings from local newspapers and periodicals, with date and name of publication, pertaining to the activities of the Camp or the Order, so that the same may be filed with the records of his bureau. Written accounts of Camp happenings, if forwarded him, will make more effective the discharge of his duties.

Miscellaneous Functions.

VII. August 15. Col. Henry W. Hubbell Camp No. 24, held its annual outing at Winfield, Long Island. The affair was a pronounced success.

August 21. The Brooklyn Memorial and Executive Committee again demonstrated the significance of "Spanish War Veterans' Day" in Kings County. The athletic events, limited to Comrades alone, were marked by novel features. The creditable outcome of the function, both socially and financially, is due to Past Commander Morris J. Mendelsohn, chairman, and his faithful collaborators on the committee. The affairs was attended by the Commander-in-Chief and the Department Commander, with their respective staffs.

October 20. Major-Gen. Thomas H. Barry Camp No. 73, will punctuate the first anniversary of its existence by a flag presentation. The donors are the residents of Bay Ridge, Brooklyn. At the ceremonies Congressman Young will preside and the Department Commander and staff will attend.

Taps.

Comrade James Dooley, late First Sergeant, Co. F, 21st U. S. Inf. (retired), a member of Wm. H. Hubbell Camp No. 4, died

October 10, 1908, at New Haven, Conn., and was buried October 13, in St. Lawrence Cemetery, New Haven, Conn.

Comrade H. de Crignis, a member of Defendamp Camp No. 36, died July 21, 1909, and was buried with military honors by his Camp.

Comrade August Bader, late private, Co. E, 47th N. Y. Vol. Inf., a member of Admiral Jos. B. Coghlan Camp No. 82, died August 6, 1909, at Brooklyn, N. Y., and was buried with military honors in Evergreen Cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y. Bugler and firing squad furnished by courtesy of Commandant of Marines, Brooklyn Navy Yard.

Comrade Wm. G. Dowling, late Sergeant, Co. L, 22d N. Y. Vol., a member of Wm. H. Hubbell Camp No. 4, died August 8, 1909, at Long Ridge, Stamford, Conn., and was buried with military honors in Calvary Cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y. Bugler and firing squad furnished by courtesy of Commandant of Marines, Brooklyn Navy Yard.

The sympathy of these Headquarters and of the Comrades throughout the Department is extended to the family and friends of these deceased Comrades and to the Comrades of their respective Camps.

By order of

MAURICE SIMMONS,

Department Commander.

Official:

ERNEST W. LARKIN,

Department Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK,

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

198 Broadway.

NEW YORK, *November* 16, 1909.

General Orders No. 2.

I. Countersign.—The present Department countersign and parole are hereby revoked. In their stead these are respectively announced:

7, 16, 12, 9, 14, 38, 23.

22, 33, 26, 15, 33, 36, 34.

II. Resolutions.—The following were adopted by the recent Department Encampment at Oswego:

(1) Providing that no application for a charter in a community with a population of less than 100,000 be granted without the consent of the Camp or Camps existent thereat.

(2) Directing that Camp Commanders be urged through the Adjutant or other Comrade to forward to local newspapers for insertion, accounts of meetings and functions of Camps, and other matters of interest to the U. S. W. V.

(3) Directing Camp Commanders to deliver a membership application blank to each recruit after obligation at the Altar, with a direction that he utilize it before the succeeding muster of the Camp.

(4) Directing that in official communications Camp officers use Camp stationery alone, which for the facilitation of the Camp's and Department's business shall contain at the top thereof, at least the name, the number and location of the Camp, the time and place of its stated meetings, and the names and addresses of its Commander, Adjutant and Quartermaster.

(5) Directing Commanders in advance of special Camp functions to forward the particulars thereof to the Department Adjutant for inclusion in General Orders, in order that these functions by proper publicity may be patronized by members of neighboring Camps, and thereby harmonious relations encouraged.

III. Memorial Day Funds.—The Board of Estimate of New York City has appropriated \$2,500 to the local U. S. W. V. Camps for the proper observance of Memorial Day, 1910. Camps in all other political subdivisions of the State are directed to become active in similar channels.

IV. Recruiting Prizes.—For the greatest net increase in membership, exclusive of gains by transfer, during the term, June 30, 1909, to June 30, 1910, the following premiums will be presented at the next Department Encampment:

First Prize of \$100, open to all Camps with an initial membership of 50 and above, donated by Comrade William D. Tucker, Old Guard Camp, No. 19, editor of the U. S. W. V. division of National Guard Magazine.

Second Prize of \$50, open to all Camps with an initial membership of less than 50, donated by Comrade Arthur E. Luzzi, Major Frank Keck Camp, No. 53.

V.—Sick Benefit. So effective in the retention of membership and in the according of immediate relief to distressed Comrades has been the weekly beneficial funds of Theodore Roosevelt Camp, No. 10, Admiral McCalla Camp, No 65, and other Camps, that the exemplary results attained challenges the studious consideration of every Camp in the Department.

VI. — Miscellaneous Events.

Past.—September 3. William R. Carmer Camp, No. 8, held Hudson memorial divine services at the Reformed Church, Mount Vernon.

September 6. David Wilson Camp, No. 59, participated in a sham battle at Van Cortlandt Park, New York City.

September 8. Major John K. Sague Camp, No. 44, in conjunction with the G. A. R., frolicked in a basket picnic and outing at Lookout Farm, Poughkeepsie.

September 30. Admiral Philip Camp No. 18, conducted a Hudson-Fulton military ball at Brooklyn.

September 30. The Comrades of New York City supported by visiting Comrades constituted the Seventh Division of the Hudson-Fulton military parade at New York City. Never did a greater number of uniformed Comrades assemble under the auspices of the Order. To the delegations from the Departments of Massachusetts, Connecticut and particularly New Jersey, these Headquarters hereby express sincere acknowledgment. Under the guidance of Grand Marshal W. Martin Watson the young veteran division, 2,000 strong, marched to the continuous plaudits of millions of spectators. A grateful public placed the mantle of approval on the shoulders of the virile defenders of the Republic. Newspapers and periodicals joined in tribute to our martial contingent. Said the New York American of October 1:

“Ovation for Spanish War Vets.

“The Spanish War Veterans had a division to themselves, and they needed it, for there were enough of them to go out and do the trick again, if need be. Their star attraction was a monster flag,

100 feet long, the edges manned by hundreds of men. These marchers carried no arms, and the distinguished visitors were on their feet for several minutes, saluting the close-huddled flags of the different posts."

October 5. Thomas H. Fitzgerald Camp, No. 79, marched over historic revolutionary ground in the Hudson-Fulton parade from Irvington to Tarrytown.

October 20. Thomas H. Barry Camp, No. 73, was presented with colors and guidons by the citizens of South Brooklyn and the ladies of the Molly Pitcher Auxiliary at the South Reformed Church. The prominence of the participants and the brilliance of the function was an additional token of the vitality of the Camp.

October 23. Geo. H. Tilly Camp, No. 66, held forth in a pleasurable entertainment and smoker at Jamaica.

October 29. Gen. Eugene Griffin Camp, No. 11, entertained at its annual euchre and dance at Schenectady.

November 3. Warren A. Wilson Camp, No. 9, held a muster and banquet, at which delegations from distant Camps attended, at the G. A. R. Hall, Glens Falls.

November 12. Theodore Roosevelt Camp, No. 10, earned approving comment by its entertainment and reception in the Bronx, New York City.

November 12. West Point Camp, No. 85, inaugurated its first military ball at the Academy of Music, Highland Falls. The guests of honor were the Department Adjutant and Historian, both of whom report that the Camp has made commendable strides in its membership.

Future.—November 19. Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan Camp, No. 82, announces its progressive euchre and dance, at Tyrian Hall, 68 Pennsylvania Avenue, Brooklyn.

November 24 (Thanksgiving eve).

Saratoga Camp, No. 58, contemplates holding a dance at Saratoga Springs, to assist it in equipping a rifle team.

W. S. Overton, Jr., Camp, No. 29, "with music which never stops," advertises its annual barn dance at Knab's Hall, White-stone, L. I.

Manhattan Camp, No. 1, will conduct its annual military review and reception at the 12th Regiment Armory, 62d Street and Columbus Avenue, New York City. A feature will be the exhibition drill by Scottish "Kilties" in native Highland costume. The functions of this Camp reflect distinction on the Order.

December 3. The Council of Administration is hereby directed to convene at these Headquarters, Saturday, December 4th, at 1 p. m. Department officers and Borough Council executives are requested to attend. Recommendations must be submitted in writing.

December 11. Old Guard Camp, No. 19, will give a beefsteak dinner in the garret of Reisenweber's, 58th Street and Columbus Circle, New York City. With sides of juicy beef, tankards of mellow ale, jovial story and minstrel song, a night of good fellowship is assured.

Hereafter, unless due notice and report of the activities of Camp or Council are forwarded to the Department Historian, Malcolm C. Fraser, 176 Railroad Avenue, White Plains, no mention thereof will appear in General Orders.

VII. Information.—John O'Donnell, Thomas J. Moran, Eugene McKenna and other Comrades who served in Company G, 69th N. Y. Volunteer Infantry during the railroad wreck in Alabama are urgently requested to communicate with Comrade Gilbert E. Cornell, who is invalidated at the Veterans' Home, Napa County, California.

Taps.

Comrade John Garrity, Col. Henry W. Hubbell Camp, No. 24, late Private, Company H, 8th N. Y. Volunteer Infantry, died at Key West, Fla., August 27, 1909.

Shipmate Anton Anderson, Gloucester Naval Camp, No. 5, late Seaman, U. S. Navy, died at Brooklyn, N. Y., August 31, 1909.

Comrade H. H. Fink, Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan Camp, No. 82, died at Brooklyn, N. Y., August 31, 1909.

Comrade Charles Mathias, Theodore Roosevelt Camp, No. 10, late Corporal, Company B, 12th N. Y. Volunteer Infantry, died at New York City, September 23, 1909.

Comrade John Hasselberg, Henry J. Reilly Camp, No. 34, late Private, Company D, 1st U. S. Volunteer Engineers, died in Sweden, October 7, 1909.

Shipmate Leo Greaves, Admiral Schley Naval Squadron, No. 16, late oiler U. S. S. "Detroit," died at Brooklyn, N. Y., October 27, 1909. The sympathy of these Headquarters and of the Comrades throughout the Department is extended to the family and friends of these deceased Comrades and to the Comrades of their respective Camps.

By order of

MAURICE SIMMONS,

Department Commander.

Official:

ERNEST W. LARKIN,

Department Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK.

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

198 Broadway.

NEW YORK, *December 30, 1909.*

General Orders No. 3

APPOINTMENTS.

I. Aides to the Department Commander.

Camp No. 1, Thos. F. Berkery, New York City.

Camp No. 2, Geo. W. McCune, Troy.

Camp No. 6, Melvin W. Lethbridge, Amsterdam.

Camp No. 8, J. B. N. Fitch, Mt. Vernon.

Camp No. 9, Howard McOmber, Glens Falls.

Camp No. 11, John J. McMullen, Schenectady.

Camp No. 16, John H. Walters, Brooklyn.

Camp No. 21, Julius Stahl, Brooklyn.

Camp No. 22, William Gundrey, Brooklyn P. O.

Camp No. 23, Edwin Graff, New York City.

Camp No. 23, August Aschmoor, New York City.

Camp No. 24, Leon Greenbaum, New York City.

Camp No. 25, Carl Zuck, Rochester.

Camp No. 32, M. C. Ashley, Middletown.

Camp No. 36, B. F. Gambrill, New York City.

- Camp No. 38, A. A. Lowande, New York City.
- Camp No. 39, Chas. H. Manro, Auburn.
- Camp No. 43, Chas. P. Shinn, Brooklyn.
- Camp No. 44, Geo. B. Waterman, Poughkeepsie.
- Camp No. 45, A. F. Allen, Jamestown.
- Camp No. 46, Frank H. Smith, New York City.
- Camp No. 48, Jas. L. McPherson, Brooklyn.
- Camp No. 49, John J. Whelen, Brooklyn.
- Camp No. 52, Walter A. Stevens, Ilion.
- Camp No. 53, John J. Green, New York City.
- Camp No. 56, Howard O. Clair, Watertown.
- Camp No. 58, A. W. A. Geiersberg, Saratoga.
- Camp No. 59, Theo. F. Schmidt, New York City.
- Camp No. 65, J. F. Ford, Brooklyn.
- Camp No. 66, Albert M. Drake, Jamaica.
- Camp No. 68, Wm. S. Lynt, Port Chester.
- Camp No. 73, Jas. T. Carrol, Brooklyn.
- Camp No. 78, Timothy J. Dinan, Newburgh.
- Camp No. 82, Albert A. Hoffman, Brooklyn.
- Camp No. 83, William Martin, Lockport.
- Camp No. 84, Chas. A. French, Brooklyn.
- Camp No. 85, Carlyle W. J. Koenig, West Point.

II. Assistant Department Inspectors.

Past Surgeon-General J. H. Grant, Seyburn Liscum Camp No. 12.

Past Assistant Adjutant-General C. E. Haller, Seyburn Liscum Camp, No. 12.

Past National Aide A. W. A. Geiersberg, Saratoga Camp No. 58.

Past Department Commander C. A. Simmons, L. B. Smith Camp No. 25.

Department Adjutant E. W. Larkin, Admiral Sampson Camp No. 48.

Department Mustering Officer H. P. Hamlin, Warner Camp No. 52.

Past Commander E. C. Keithley, Admiral Schley Naval Squadron No. 16.

Past Commander C. A. Olivier, Marcus D. Russell Camp No. 2.

Commander A. L. Beckhardt, David Wilson Camp No. 59.

Senior Vice-Commander G. B. Waterman, John K. Sague Camp No. 44.

Comrade R. M. Kyle, Frank Rockwell-Palmer Camp No. 28.

Inspections.

District No. 1, Department Inspector F. D. Lakestream: Camps 1, 8, 10, 16, 18, 20, 27, 29, 37, 44, 46, 53, 59, 61, 62, 68, 79, 80, 84.

District 2, Assistant Department Inspector A. L. Beckhardt: Camps 19, 23, 24, 31, 36, 38.

District No. 3, Assistant Department Inspector E. C. Keithley: Camps 4, 5, 21, 22, 30, 34, 43, 48, 65, 66, 67, 73, 77, 82.

District No. 4, Assistant Department Inspector C. A. Olivier: Camps 6, 11, 28.

District No. 5, Assistant Department Inspector R. M. Kyle: Camps 2 and 74.

District No. 6, Assistant Department Inspector Grant: Camps 7, 15 and 83.

District No. 7, Assistant Department Inspector Haller: Camps 12, 17, 25, 33 and 35.

District No. 8, Assistant Department Inspector Geiersberg: Camps 9, 58 and 63.

District No. 9, Assistant Department Inspector C. A. Simmons: Camps 26, 39, 76 and 86.

District No. 10, Assistant Department Inspector G. B. Waterman: Camps 32, 69, 71, 75 and 78.

District No. 11, Assistant Department Inspector H. P. Hamlin: Camps 51 and 52.

District No. 12, Assistant Department Inspector E. W. Larkin: Camps 14, 49 and 85.

In order that the quality of the ritualistic work in each Camp may be gauged, Commanders are hereby directed to muster in a recruit, or in default thereof, a Comrade, at the time of inspection.

In this connection it may be noted that L. Bordman Smith, Camp No. 25, of Rochester, has organized an efficient degree team, a step that is commended to the consideration of all the Camps, District Boards and Councils of the Department.

III. Installing Officers.

Camp No. 2, Garrett V. Johnson, Department M. D.

Camp No. 6, W. Fenton Meyers, Past Commander.

Camp No. 9, P. H. Haselton, Past Commander.

Camp No. 10, F. C. Kuehnle, Past Department Senior Vice-Commander.

Camp No. 12, John H. Grant, Past Surgeon-General.

Camp No. 14, Wm. J. Cunningham, Department Senior Vice-Commander.

Camp No. 16, John T. Oates, National Aide.

Camp No. 18, John Fitzgerald, Commander.

Camp No. 19, Maurice Simmons, Department Commander.

Camp No. 21, Daniel J. Murphy, Past Commander.

Camp No. 22, Maurice Simmons, Department Commander.

Camp No. 24, Edward A. Murray, Past Commander.

Camp No. 25, Wm. B. Zimmer, Past Commander.

Camp No. 32, E. A. McIntyre, Past Commander.

Camp No. 37, Bernhardt Wall, Past Commander.

Camp No. 39, Herbert A. Morgan, Past Commander.

Camp No. 43, Geo. D. Russell, Past Commander.

Camp No. 44, Frank Lakestream, Department Inspector.

Camp No. 46, Thomas J. Quinn, Department Quartermaster.

Camp No. 48, Thos. J. Quinn, Department Quartermaster.

Camp No. 49, L. J. Pettersen, Past Commander.

Camp No. 52, Harlin P. Hamlin, Department Mustering Officer.

Camp No. 53, James F. Court, Past Commander.

Camp No. 56, Henry S. Ball, Past Commander.

Camp No. 58, Fred. W. Dunson, Past Commander.

Camp No. 59, Maurice Simmons, Department Commander.

Camp No. 61, Benjamin Worral, Past Commander.

Camp No. 62, Fred. C. Kuehnle, Past Department Senior Vice-Commander.

Camp No. 73, John T. Oates, National Aide-de-Camp.

Camp No. 78, Maurice Simmons, Department Commander.

Camp No. 80, Alfred J. Kennedy, Past National Aide.

Camp No. 82, John T. Oates, National Aide-de-Camp.

Camp No. 83, John H. Grant, Past Surgeon-General.

Camp No. 84, John Fitzgerald, Past Commander.

Camp No. 85, E. W. Larkin, Department Adjutant.

Camp No. 87, Bernhardt Wall, Past Commander.

The following are preliminaries to installation:

(a) Semi-annual reports shall have been filed; (b) per capita taxes shall have been paid; (c) the quartermaster shall have been bonded; (d) a written statement shall be delivered to the installing officer containing the names and addresses of the Commander, Adjutant and Quartermaster for the year 1910.

Semi-annual reports must be executed in triplicate, one copy to be retained by the Camp, and the duplicates, together with Department and National per capita taxes, should be forwarded to the Department Adjutant.

It is recommended that the installation be a public one and that there be invited as guests prominent Comrades of the Order and the local G. A. R. posts.

IV. Revision Detail.

Past Department Senior Vice-Commander Frederick C. Kuehnle, Chairman, 71st Regiment Armory, New York City.

Past Adjutant-General John T. Ryan, National Aides John T. Oates and Edward E. Swartwood, Past Department Inspector Alfred J. Kennedy.

Judge Advocate James F. Court, Department Inspector Frank D. Lakestream and Past Commander John E. J. Clare.

The foregoing committee is appointed pursuant to resolution adopted by the Sixth Department Encampment. All recommendations for the amendment of the Department Rules and Regulations should be forwarded in writing to the Chairman at the address given.

V. Coghlan Memorial Detail.

Past Surgeon-General John H. Grant, Chairman, 716 Mutual Life Building, Buffalo.

Past Commander-in-Chief Hamilton Ward.

Past Chaplain-in-Chief William H. I. Reaney.

Past Department Commander Charles A. Simmons.

Past Department Commander Frank Keck.

Senior Vice-Commander William J. Cunningham.

Junior Vice-Commander Francis D. Culkin.
 Jas. F. Court, Chairman Manhattan Borough Council.
 Wm. Macauley, Chairman Memorial and Executive Committee
 of Brooklyn.

F. C. Kuehnle, Chairman, Bronx Borough Council.
 A. J. Kennedy, Chairman Queens Borough Council.
 John T. Oates, Chairman Richmond Borough Council.
 The Chairman of Westchester District Board.
 The Chairman of the Buffalo Joint City Board.

Camp No. 1, W. E. Downs.
 Camp No. 2, John P. Traynor.
 Camp No. 3, William Hunt.
 Camp No. 6, James W. Robb.
 Camp No. 8, Wesley Bryde.
 Camp No. 9, R. S. Hall, Jr.
 Camp No. 16, Jas. McCullough.
 Camp No. 19, Daniel J. Murphy
 Camp No. 22, Wm. F. Morgan.
 Camp No. 25, Wm. B. Zimmer.
 Camp No. 32, A. E. McIntyre.
 Camp No. 36, W. B. Hotchkin.
 Camp No. 38, Jas. H. Cooke.
 Camp No. 39, Geo. W. Nellis.
 Camp No. 43, Geo. K. Cox.
 Camp No. 44, John A. Sorg.
 Camp No. 45, Albert Gilbert.
 Camp No. 46, Jos. De Souza.
 Camp No. 52, Christopher Monahan.
 Camp No. 53, Henry C. H. Stewart.
 Camp No. 56, C. D. Carter.
 Camp No. 58, Wm. H. Waterbury.
 Camp No. 59, Frank D. Lakestream.
 Camp No. 61, Paul Vandervelde.
 Camp No. 78, Wm. J. Wilkes.
 Camp No. 82, Wm. A. Reardon.
 Camp No. 83, Chas. Rignal.
 Camp No. 84, Oscar Seder.
 Camp No. 85, John Schiller.

The foregoing detail is made pursuant to action of the Sixth Department Encampment, authorizing the appointment of a committee for the collection of funds. Naval officers and other bodies have deferred the matter of the erection of a memorial to Past Department Commander Joseph B. Coghlan, late Rear Admiral U. S. Navy, to the United Spanish War Veterans, as their peculiar and exclusive privilege. Let us rise to the highest plane of this labor of love in memory of the heroic dead.

VI. Uniform Detail.

Commander Oscar F. Berger, Chairman, 1519 Zerega avenue, Bronx, New York City.

Past Commander John H. Ehmann, Frank Rockwell-Palmer Camp No. 28.

Past Commander Patrick J. Kelly, General Guy V. Henry Camp No. 38.

Past Commander Frank J. Gill, Robert C. Anderson Camp No. 26.

Adjutant Timothy J. Dinan, Hudson B. Moore Camp No. 78.

Adjutant A. Scott Anderson, William R. Carmer Camp No. 8.

Officer of the Day Arthur Fairlamb, Old Guard Camp No. 19.

This committee is charged with the duty of devising ways and means to facilitate the proper uniforming of the Comrades of the Department.

VII. Council of Administration.

The Council convened at Headquarters December 4th. There were present the Department Commander, Adjutant, Quartermaster, Inspector, Judge-Advocate, Historian, Councilors John Devane, of New York, John Schlechter, of Brooklyn, C. W. Herrick, of Oneonta, William M. Bemus, of Jamestown, and Comrades Frederick C. Kuehnle, John E. J. Clare, William H. Burns and Charles Rogers. The following is a résumé of the business transacted:

(A) A semi-annual per capita tax of 12½ cents was levied for the term beginning January 1, payable in advance.

(B) The bids of the Camps at Niagara Falls, Syracuse and Saratoga Springs for the next Department Encampment were considered, and Past Commander John E. J. Clare was detailed to

submit the proposition for holding it at the same time and place as that of the G. A. R., to the Council of Administration of the latter.

(C) The Department Historian's recommendation for the appointment of Historians by Camp Commanders was approved.

(D) The Judge Advocate submitted the legislative program for the year 1910, viz.: (1) A constitutional amendment granting a full preference to Spanish War Veterans in the Civil Service. (2) The amendment of section 22 of the Civil Service Law, to grant regulars the protection accorded volunteers in removal from public employment. (3) The amendment of the State Printing Law, so that Department proceedings be published by the State. (4) The amendment of the Poor Law, to empower Camps to act as disbursing agencies of public funds for the relief of distressed Comrades.

(E) The Department Quartermaster's report from July 31 to December 4, 1909, was audited.

Receipts from all sources.....	\$953 60
Expenditures for all purposes.....	964 51
Outstanding liabilities	121 38
Assets, including bills receivable.....	236 96
Excess of assets December 4, 1909, over December 5, 1908	60 11
Supplies on hand July 31, 1909.....	50 87
Supplies on hand December 4, 1909.....	84 80

(F) The Department Adjutant reported that only five Camps were delinquent in the filing of semi-annual reports and that Camps were in process of formation at Geneva, West Point (colored), Fulton, Mechanicville, Gloversville, Fort Slocum, in the New York Police and Fire Departments, Troop A, Troop C and the Yankee crew.

(G) A resolution was adopted endorsing the course of the National Encampment in recommending the change of name of the Order to that of "Spanish War Veterans."

(H) A resolution was adopted recommending the amendment of the National Rules and Regulations by requiring that any

proposition hereafter submitted for change of name of the Order be first adopted at a session of the National Encampment, thereafter submitted to all and approved by two-thirds of the Camps of the Order and adopted by the next succeeding National Encampment.

(I) The recommendation of the Manhattan Borough Council for the revocation of the charter of General Joseph Wheeler Camp No. 70 was approved.

(J) The issuance of circular No. 2, current series, by the Department Commander, was unanimously approved.

VIII. New Camp.

The application of Philippine Camp No. 87 for a charter having been favorably indorsed by the Manhattan Borough Council, was approved by these Headquarters December 27, 1909. Its installation has been set for Saturday, January 15, 1909, 8:30 P. M., at No. 53 West 125th street, New York City.

IX. Maine Memorial Services.

In the well-known auditorium of Carnegie Hall, New York City, on Sunday, February 20, 1910, at 2 P. M., the Manhattan Borough Council will conduct services in tribute to the memory of our shipmates who went down with the "Maine" eleven years ago. The speakers will include historic figures in that catastrophe and citizens of national repute. The solemn nature of the function, the grand scale of its conduct and the eminence of the participants will focus the eyes of the press and public on our beloved Order.

The Chairman of the Arrangement Committee is Comrade Bernhardt Wall, Past President of the Council.

X. Death of Past Department Commander.

On December 14th, at Bellevue Hospital, New York City, passed away Comrade Isaac N. Kinney, Past Department Commander of Michigan. A warrior of our common weal, with the tokens of our Order close to his deathbed, he journeyed in serenity to the arena beyond. Headquarters assumed control of the remains, and with military obsequies the body of our distinguished Comrade was transported to his native State. Effective co-operation was

rendered by National Aide John T. Oates. The Comrades of the Department of New York blend their sympathies with those of the Department of Michigan in common bereavement.

Taps.

Comrade Louis Rothschild, Admiral B. H. McCalla Camp No. 65, late musician 47th New York Volunteer Infantry, died at Brooklyn, N. Y., November 6, 1909, and was interred at the local national cemetery.

Comrade J. A. Nelson, Admiral Phillip Camp No. 18, late private United States Volunteers, was buried at Richmond, Va., November 25, 1909.

The foregoing were accorded full military honors. The sympathy of these Headquarters is hereby extended to the families of the deceased and to the Comrades of their respective Camps.

Commanders are requested to direct their Adjutants hereafter to furnish to headquarters (1) decedent's full name, (2) Camp, (3) company, ship, regiment and rank, (4) time and place of death, (5) time and place of burial, (6) nature of ceremonies.

By order of

MAURICE SIMMONS,

Department Commander.

Official:

ERNEST W. LARKIN,

Department Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK,

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

198 Broadway.

NEW YORK, *February 10, 1910.*

General Orders No. 4

APPOINTMENTS.

I. Aides to the Department Commander.

Camp No. 10, H. Truman Morse, New York City.

Camp No. 12, Alfred F. Kuhn, Buffalo.

Camp No. 21, Joseph Perdue, New York City, vice Stahl.

Camp No. 28, Theodore A. Dreis, Albany.

Camp No. 30, John Conway, Brooklyn.

Camp No. 31, John J. Murphy, New York City.

Camp No. 46, Frank H. Smith, New York City, vice De Souza.

Camp No. 61, Paul V. Vandeverde, Corona.

Camp No. 62, Charles H. Stephens, Brooklyn.

Camp No. 80, John Leya, Long Island City.

Camp No. 81, Walter B. Williams, Madison Barracks.

All aides will immediately forward address to Department Adjutant.

II. Inspection.

District No. 5, Commander W. H. Kyle, erroneously announced as Comrade R. M. Kyle.

District No. 10, Junior Vice-Commander Walter H. J. Howe, instead of Senior Vice-Commander G. B. Waterman.

The ritualistic work accompanying the muster-in of a recruit (or substitute) must be demonstrated to the inspecting officer.

III. Installations.

Invaluable coadjutors to the Department Commander were the Comrades detailed as installing officers. For their proficient discharge of duty the Department is indebted to them. The exercise of jurisdiction over installations by these Headquarters was productive of these felicitous results: (1) Per capita taxes were collected with facility and inexpensively; (2) an elaborate roster will be issued forthwith — a fact unprecedented in the Department; and (3) each Camp recognized the advantage and signalized the paramountcy of the function.

IV. Coghlan Memorial Detail.

Camp No. 1, William E. Downs, Commander.

Camp No. 10, James P. Rowan, Commander.

Camp No. 28, Edward Burton.

Camp No. 61, Paul V. Vandeverde, Past Commander.

Camp No. 62, Charles H. Stephens.

All members of this detail are directed to forward post office address to Chairman John H. Grant, 710 Mutual Life Building, Buffalo. Generous contributions are being made to the fund by

naval officers and civilians. Camp Commanders are urged to request donations from the Camp's treasury and to co-operate with local members of this detail in arranging ways and means to enhance this fund.

To this labor of love Past Surgeon-General Grant has brought his mature experience and genial personality. He is a prototype of the Comrades who build up and do not tear down.

V. National Legislation.

The following is a list of the legislative measures which are to be presented by National Headquarters at the pending Congressional session:

1. Travel pay for Philippine soldiers who served in the Philippines beyond their period of enlistment.
2. The raising of the Maine.
3. Service medals.
4. Preference in the United States civil employment for United Spanish War Veterans.
5. Uniform pension law.
6. Twenty-five-year retirement bill for regulars (by request of Encampment of Department of New York).
7. The issuance of discarded rifles and ammunition to Camps of United Spanish War Veterans.
8. The purchasing of a home in Washington for extending temporary relief to soldiers.
9. Preference in government land entries.
10. Widow's pensions to those married subsequent to 1890.
11. Extension of United States Civil Service to include the Philippine Civil Service.
12. Special bill for Admiral Coghlan's widow (by request of Encampment of Department of New York).

Comrades are requested to interest their local Congressmen and the United States Senators from this State in the advocacy of their enactment.

VI. Special Official Visits.

A schedule of visits by special representatives of these Headquarters, which will comprehend every Camp within this jurisdiction, is in process of completion. The undertakings of the Department and the ideals of the Order, together with other matters of vital interest, will be the subject of exposition by prominent Comrades. The Camp notice should announce each contemplated visit. A formal itinerary will be published hereafter.

VII. Poor Relief to Distressed Soldiers and their Dependents.

Effectuating the intent and spirit of the Poor Law, a G. A. R. Post is now gratuitously donating its services as an agency for the distribution of county funds for the relief of members of our Camps in New York County. This is in line with similar action obtained by the intervention of the Buffalo Joint City Board and the Brooklyn Memorial and Executive Committee in their respective jurisdictions. Camps which have not availed themselves of the beneficent features of this law are urged to communicate with Comrade Bernhardt Wall, 1869 Bathgate Avenue, New York City, for counsel and guidance.

VIII. Rehabilitation of Camps.

Hoosick Falls Camp No. 63, which seemed to be numbered with the decadent, has reformed its lines. Revitalized, it has assumed its proper station in the Department. This gratifying consummation is the result of the unsparing and inspiring labors of Department Senior Vice-Commander William J. Cunningham.

IX. Sale of Tickets to Camps Condemned.

The sale of tickets by one Camp to another is forbidden as a discouraging burden. This prohibition does not extend to formal announcement nor circularization of functions. (Department G. O. 2, paragraph VII, series 1908-1909, September 21, 1909.)

General Orders No. 21, C. S., National Headquarters, directs attention to the resolution adopted by the Fourth National Encampment in 1907, viz.:

Resolved, That any appeal for aid for a local Camp, or other proposition, must be first submitted to National Headquarters for approval, before it can be sent beyond the jurisdiction of the Department in which it originated.

X. Honorary Membership.

Much apprehension will be prevented if each Commander will carry on his person and frequently consult the National Rules and Regulations. Attention is hereby directed to section 2 of article 3 thereof:

Section 2. *Honorary Members*.—Any person, not otherwise eligible to membership, who performed distinguished and faithful service for the United States, may be elected an honorary member of a Camp by a two-thirds vote of the members of such Camp present at a regular meeting, the object of which has been noticed, subject to the approval of the Department Commander and the Commander-in-Chief.

XI. Visit to Department of Connecticut.

On January 10th, the Department Commander and Adjutant, as guests of honor, attended a banquet tendered to the staff of these headquarters, at Hartford, by the Comrades of Burdette Camp of the Department of Connecticut. Past Commander-in-Chief Charles W. Newton and Past Adjutant-General Harry Saunders paid eloquent tributes of acknowledgment to the rank and file of New York for their intelligent labors and unflagging zeal in the upbuilding of the Order.

XII. Conviction of Impostor.

One Frank McKenna, alias Miller, was recently sentenced to two months in the Albany Penitentiary for the crime of securing money under false pretenses, while unauthorizedly wearing the badge of the Order. The prosecution and the summary disposition thereof resulted from the active intervention of Department Senior Vice-Commander William J. Cunningham.

XIII. Miscellaneous Functions Past.

October 3. Lockport Camp No. 83 held an outing on the banks of Tonawanda Creek, the Comrades camping out the preceding night.

October 17. Lockport Camp No. 83 regaled itself in a reunion and smoker at its headquarters, in which participated delegations from Camps in neighboring towns.

November 10. Thomas H. Barber Camp No. 3, at its Camp Fire, State Armory, Binghamton, exchanged reminiscences with its guests of honor, the members of two local G. A. R. Posts.

November 24. Manhattan Camp No. 1 conducted its eleventh annual military review, together with a brilliant reception at the Twelfth Regiment Armory, New York City.

General Henry W. Lawton Camp No. 21 entertained at its annual Thanksgiving Eve package party and dance at Brooklyn.

Saratoga Camp No. 58 by a successful dance raised funds with which to equip its rifle team at Saratoga Springs.

December 6. Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46 favorably sponsored its military reception and ball at New York City.

December 18. Capt. Malcolm A. Rafferty Camp No. 80 earned commendation by the manner of the conduct of its military and civic ball at Long Island City.

December 19. General Henry W. Lawton Camp No. 21 conducted decennial memorial services in tribute to the memory of its distinguished namesake at the Ross Street Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, at which attended Commander-in-Chief Edward J. Gihon, Past Commander-in-Chief Charles W. Newton, Department Chaplain Dessault of Massachusetts, National Aide John T. Oates, the Department Commander, Adjutant, Quartermaster and other prominent Comrades.

December 20. Bucky O'Neil Camp No. 15 fraternized with the local Camps of Buffalo at its eighth annual grand ball.

December 31. Hugo E. Kruse Camp No. 61 reveled in its annual Barn Dance at Newtown, L. I.

January 22, 1910. Griffin Engineers' Camp No. 31 was the recipient of a stand of colors at its military ball in the 69th Regiment Armory, New York City, in large measure through the generosity of Commander John W. Berdner.

January 26. Frank R. Palmer Camp No. 28, aided by its Ladies' Auxiliary, diverted itself in its annual prize euchre and dance at Albany.

XIV. Future.

February 11. Newell Rising Camp No. 68 will hold its first annual dance at Irving Hall, Port Chester.

February 18. The Brooklyn Memorial and Executive Committee promises pleasurable innovations and novel diversions at its reception, Prospect Hall, 16th Street and 5th Avenue, Brooklyn.

National Headquarters and neighboring Departments will be represented at this function.

February 19. The Manhattan Borough Council will repeat its annual athletic games and reception at the 22d Regiment Armory, Broadway and 68th Street, New York City. Because of the unflagging zeal of Comrade Daniel J. Murphy, Major of New York Engineers, these annual games have become a recognized institution in the field of athletics. The one-lap flag race is closed to members of the Order.

February 20. The Manhattan Borough Council will conduct a Maine Memorial Service at Carnegie Hall, 57th Street and 7th Avenue, New York City. Comrades will report in uniform, 1 p. m., at 12th Regiment Armory, Columbus Avenue and 62d Street, New York City. Admiral Charles D. Sigsbee, the Commander, and Rev. John P. Chidwick, Chaplain of the historic vessel, Congressman William Sulzer, together with other speakers of eminence, will participate. The presiding officer will be Hon. Joseph H. Choate, Ambassador to the Court of St. James during the Spanish War and the leader of the American bar. This function is of national importance. Let no Comrade absent himself.

February 26. Geo. H. Tilly Camp No. 66 announces an all-star vaudeville entertainment and reception at Weiden's Columbia Hall, Jamaica Avenue and Willow Street, Richmond Hill, L. I.

XV. Department Historian.

The omission of the publication herein or other social and military affairs is due to neglect in failing to forward particulars thereof to the Department Historian, Malcolm C. Fraser, 176 Railroad Avenue, White Plains, N. Y.

Commanders are requested to designate Camp Historians and to forward the name and address of the appointee to the Department Historian. The resultant advantages are manifest:

(1) A record of the Camps' activities is maintained permanently at these Headquarters.

(2) The attention to and patronage of the Camps' functions by other Comrades is encouraged, due to publicity given thereto in General Orders.

(3) Publicity for the Camps' undertakings in local newspapers and in veteran military periodicals will follow.

(4) Publicity disclosing the location and prominence of the Camp brings forth available recruits.

XVI. Information.

Former members of the Illinois Naval Militia are requested to send name and address to Department Historian, Malcolm C. Fraser, White Plains, N. Y.

Taps.

Comrade Charles' B. Carr, William McKinley Camp No. 62, died at Long Island City, January 19, 1910, and was buried at Astoria, L. I. The soldierly spirit displayed in connection with his interment by Commander John M. Phillips and the other Comrades of Malcolm Rafferty Camp No. 80, have elicited the approbation of the decedent's Camp and deserve official commendation.

Shipmate Justin V. Ellison, Gen. Henry W. Lawton Camp No. 21, late U. S. S. Wabash, died at Kings Park, L. I., December 29, 1909, and was buried in Brooklyn.

The foregoing deceased Comrades were accorded full military honors. The sympathy of these Headquarters is hereby extended to the families of the deceased and to the Comrades of their respective Camps.

Comrades learning from the newspapers or other source of the death of any indigent soldier or sailor, whether affiliated or not with this Order, are requested immediately to notify these Headquarters thereof, so that no man who rendered honorable service to our Republic may be consigned to the Potter's Field by the indifference of a forgetful public.

By order of

MAURICE SIMMONS,

Department Commander.

Official:

ERNEST W. LARKIN,

Department Adjutant,

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK.

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

198 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, *April 4, 1910.*

General Orders No. 5.

I. Aides to the Department Commander.

Camp No.

68. Jules E. Lecocq, vice Lynt.

79. Comrade James F. Goerke.

II. Inspection.

To Camp No.

10. Asst. Dept. Inspector Oscar F. Berger.

33, 35. Asst. Dept. Inspector Harlin P. Hamlin, vice Haller.

40. Asst. Dept. Inspector Charles A. Simmons, vice Clark.

III. Uniform detail.

Comrade Charles H. Stephens, Camp 62, is hereby added.

Our "Blue and Gray" enlivens all occasions of patriotic commemoration. Parades in which some Comrades appear in uniform, while others participate in miscellaneous modes of civilian dress, invite public derision. Be uniformed before Memorial Day.

IV. Coghlan memorial detail.

The following supplemental designations are announced:

Councilor of Administration John P. Devane, Comrade Edwin D. Graff, Camp No. 23, and Shipmate E. H. P. Squire, Camp No. 79.

Chairman John H. Grant, 710 Mutual Life Building, Buffalo, N. Y., reports these contributions to the fund:

Seyburn-Liscum Camp No. 12, Buffalo.....	\$20 00
Wm. R. Carmer Camp No. 8, Mount Vernon, N. Y...	10 00
A seaman (Civil War), Peterboro, N. H.....	10 00
Capt. R. T. Hall, U. S. N.....	10 00
Two naval officers, through Pay Director Wm. W. Galt, U. S. N., Norfolk, Va.....	10 00
Admiral Sampson Camp No. 48, Brooklyn.....	5 00
Past Surgeon-General John H. Grant, Buffalo.....	2 00

Commander Chas. A. Orr, Chapin Post No. 2, G. A. R., Buffalo	\$2 00
Comrade Le Roy White, Rome, N. Y.....	1 00
Surgeon E. H. Marsteller, U. S. N., retired.....	5 00
The Department Commander.....	5 00

No Camp should defer its donation. Voluntary contributions by individual Comrades and Shipmates are urgently invited.

V. The Council of Administration.

(1) At its meeting on March 5 the Council decided that the Seventh Annual Department Encampment be held at the village of Saratoga Springs, August 1, 2 and 3.

(2) Past Commander John E. J. Clare was detailed to represent Department Headquarters, with reference to transportation and all other matters preliminary to the Encampment.

(3) The Department Adjutant announced that a Camp was in process of formation at Fulton.

VI. Department Encampment.

(1) Encampment Headquarters are hereby established at the Worden Hotel, Saratoga Springs.

(2) The official sessions will be conducted in Convention Hall.

(3) The tentative program of entertainment provides:

Monday Evening.—Campfire or bivouac for Comrades. Luncheon and motor rides for ladies of Auxiliary.

Tuesday Afternoon.—Military parade, followed by a dinner. Evening.—Reception and ball.

Wednesday Afternoon.—Automobile tour for comrades.

(4) To insure reasonable accommodations, hotel or otherwise, communicate directly with Comrade A. W. A. Giersberg, 67 White street, Saratoga Springs.

(5) For rates and plan of transportation write Special Aide John E. J. Clare, 357 West 118th street, New York city.

(6) The Encampment will be honored by the presence of Commander-in-Chief Edward J. Gihon and Past Commander-in-Chief Charles W. Newton.

(7) Saratoga clubs are in process of formation in the various Camps of the Department. Commanders are requested to compile and forward a list of the names and addresses of the Com-

rades, friends and relatives composing Camp-clubs to Special Aide Clare. The moderate fare makes the function accessible to all. The medicinal properties of the mineral Springs and the salutary environment assure recuperative recreation. Around Saratoga cluster thrilling Revolutionary memories. Within convenient reach by trolley is picturesque Lake George, with historic Ticonderoga and Fort William Henry. The region is rich in scenic splendor.

VII. Legislation.

(1) Senate Bill No. 288, introduced by Senator George H. Cobb, amending the Poor Law so as to empower our Camps to disburse county funds for the relief of distressed Spanish War veterans, their widows and dependents, has passed the Senate, and is now before the Assembly for consideration.

(2) Senate Bill No. 249, sponsored by Senator Cobb, amending the Civil Service Law by adding thereto a provision that public employees who served in the regular army, navy and marine corps during the Spanish War, and all those who served in the incidental insurrection in the Philippine Islands prior to July 4, 1902, shall not be removed from said employment without a formal hearing on stated charges with a right to a review by the courts, has passed the Senate, and is now under consideration by the Assembly.

(3) Assembly Bill No. 575, introduced by Assemblyman Seymour Lowmann, providing that the State shall annually print 1,000 copies of the report of the Encampment proceedings of this Department, is now before the Assembly Printing Committee.

Commanders are directed to further the enactment of the said proposed legislation by inducing every Comrade to communicate with his local Assemblyman, requesting the latter's advocacy of these measures. The situation demands immediate action.

VIII. The Return of Comrade Theodore Roosevelt.

The American public, casting aside pride of partisanship and divergence of opinion, are uniting to extend a royal greeting to our distinguished Comrade, the ex-President of the United States. His Honor. William J. Gaynor, Mayor of New York City, has designated the Department Commander for membership on the

Citizens' Reception Committee, as the representative of our Order. Commanders are hereby requested to hold in abeyance independent action by their several Camps, pending definite instructions from these Headquarters.

IX. Use of Armories by Camps.

Section 186 of chapter 36 of the Consolidated Laws, known as the Military Law (chapter 41 of the Laws of 1909), provides in part as follows:

"On the application of one or more posts of the G. A. R. or other veteran organizations of honorably discharged Union soldiers, sailors or marines of any war with the United States or sons of such veterans approved by the commanding officer of the brigade of the National Guard in whose jurisdiction armories, the property of the State are located, and the officer in charge of said armory, subject also to the approval of the Adjutant-General of the State, and any such restrictions as he may prescribe, the officer in charge of any such armory designated by the Adjutant-General of the State shall provide a proper and convenient meeting room or rooms in such armory where such posts or other veteran organizations may hold regular and special meetings, without the payment of any expense therefor."

Camps should avail themselves of this statutory privilege. Expenditure for rental is thereby obviated. The martial atmosphere conserves the traditions of war service.

X. Official Visits.

The systematic visits by representatives of these Headquarters to the various Camps of the Department have proven to be energizing and harmonizing. These apostles of our golden creed of sacrificial patriotism are building up the arch of the Department. Let each Camp open the doors of comradeship to these missionaries of our common weal.

XI. Uniform.

Department officers and other Comrades are forbidden to make official visits unless properly uniformed. The following statement of the Department Inspector is hereby approved, viz., "It

is an uninspiring and unencouraging spectacle to see visitors, speaking on matters of interest to the order, appear in civilian dress."

XII. The Solidarity of Our Comradeship.

The cohesive power of our obligation and the tenacity of our Comradeship have often evoked commendation. Recent efforts, resulting in the restoration of a Comrade to his public employment and privileges, elicited the following encomium from the head of one of the principal departments of the government of the City of New York: "I am thankful to you for calling this case to my attention, and, as a veteran of the Spanish-American War, I congratulate you on the united stand you take in matters affecting Comrades. I extend to you the assurance of my highest regards."

XIII. Safeguarding the Camp's Finances.

No withdrawal of Camp funds on the sole signature of the Quartermaster should be tolerated. Such a loose method violates business precedent and ignores painful experience. The regulations of the Camp should provide that no draft or check on its funds be honored unless signed by the Quartermaster and countersigned by the Chairman of its Board of Trustees or other elective officer.

XIV. Memorial Day.

(1) Leave of Absence.—Article 4, section 63 of chapter 47 of the Consolidated Laws, known as the Public Officers Law, being chapter 51 of the Laws of 1909, provides:

"It shall be the duty of the head of every public department and of every Court of the State of New York, of every superintendent or foreman on the public works of said State, of the county officers of the several counties of said State, and of the head of every department, bureau and office in the government of the various cities and villages in this State, to give leave of absence with pay for the twenty-four hours of the thirtieth day of May, or such other day as may, according to law, be observed as Memorial Day, to every person in the service of the State, the county, the city or village, as the case may be, who served in the army or the navy of the United States in the War of the Rebellion, or who

served in the regular or volunteer army or the navy or the marine corps of the United States during the war with Spain, or during the insurrection in the Philippine Islands, and who was honorably discharged from such service. A refusal to give such leave of absence to one entitled thereto shall be neglect of duty."

(2) Memorial Funds in Third-Class Cities.—Article 2, sections 12 and 13 of chapter 21 of the Consolidated Laws, known as the General City Law, as amended by chapter 288 of the Laws of 1909, authorizes the common council of any city to appropriate \$300 for Memorial Day purposes, and provides that same shall be expended under the direction of a board composed of the Mayor and the Commanders and Quartermasters of the G. A. R. Posts and U. S. W. V. Camps of such city. Article XII, section 2, of the State Constitution, describes as cities of the third class all those having a population of less than 50,000. Camps located in said cities should apply for participation in said fund.

(3) Uniform in Parade.—Our "Blue and Grey" uniform will flash in symbolic glory as our Camps parade on Memorial Day North of Mason and Dixon's line, in the Southland, Cuba, Hawaii, the Philippines, Alaska and British Columbia. Everywhere it will bespeak the prestige of the expanding Order. Failure to wear the uniform is a confession of indifference. Let each Comrade clothe himself in the sacred garments of our patriotic Order.

(4) Color Bearers to the G. A. R.—Thin and feeble are the hands of the historic warriors that bear the tattered standards of the G. A. R. Posts. In every locality let sturdy Comrades volunteer for this labor of love on Memorial Day. By this service let us reverently offer a tribute to the preservers of the Union.

Taps.

Shipmate Frank Ural, Philippine Camp No. 87, late fireman, U. S. Navy, died at Brooklyn, January 15th.

Comrade Jonathan Hanson, Samuel M. Porter Camp No. 45, late private, Co. E, 65th N. Y. Vol. Inf., met a heroic death under tragic circumstances at Jamestown, March 15th. "In his honor the whole city of 30,000 closed its doors to attend the last sad rites of him, who laid down his life while in the line of duty."

Comrade Oliver L. Locke, William H. Hubbell Camp No. 4, late private, Co. C, 47th N. Y. Vol. Inf., died at Brooklyn, March 16th.

Comrade Frederick D. Alexander, O. Ross Wheeler Camp No. 35, late private, N. Y. Vol. Inf., died at Utica, March 19th.

Shipmate Reuben Reeves, Admiral Sampson Camp No. 48, late steward, U. S. S. St. Louis, died at Brooklyn, March 21st.

Comrade George P. Haeberli, Seyburn-Liscum Camp No. 12, late private, Co. C, 202d N. Y. Vol. Inf., died at Buffalo, March 25th.

The foregoing were interred with full military honors. The sympathy of these Headquarters is hereby extended to the families of the deceased and to the Comrades of their respective Camps.

By order of
MAURICE SIMMONS,
Department Commander.

Official:

ERNEST W. LARKIN,
Department Adjutant.

Miscellaneous Functions.

Edited by Malcolm C. Fraser, Department Historian, 176 Railroad Avenue, White Plains, N. Y.

February 18.—The annual entertainment and ball of Memorial and Executive Committee of Brooklyn was held at Prospect Hall, Brooklyn. This function was creditably managed and was an unqualified social success.

February 19.—The annual athletic games and reception of Manhattan Borough Council were conducted in the 22d Regiment Armory. This event, attracting as it does the stars of the athletic world, has become the main athletic contest of the year.

February 20.—The twelfth anniversary of the destruction of the battleship "Maine" was fittingly celebrated in this and other cities of the State with appropriate ceremonies. In the memorial services at Carnegie Hall under the auspices of the Manhattan

Borough Council, participated Hon. Jos. H. Choate, Hon. Wm. Sulzer, Admiral Charles D. Sigsbee and the Rev. Father John P. Chidwick. The accompanying publicity throughout the nation spurred Congressional action for the removal of the wreck. Among the guests were Gen. Daniel E. Sickles, Past Commander-in-Chief Charles W. Newton, Department Commander Richard R. Flynn of Massachusetts, Department Commander George F. Gammons and Past Department Commanders Breckbill and Lounsbury of Connecticut, Department Commander William D. Newman and Past Department Commanders Collins and Hilton of New Jersey, and seven survivors of the "Maine." These Headquarters extend commendation to Chairman Bernhardt Wall and his faithful committee.

February 12.—Manhattan Camp No. 1 was treated to a pleasant surprise by Camp Historian Comrade Bernard J. Fagan, who arranged an instructive Lincoln memorial service.

February 18.—Gen. Eugene Griffin Camp No. 11 held a social meeting, supplemented by an illustrated lecture on the "Allies Relief of Pekin."

March 8.—Frank Rockwell Palmer Camp No. 28, held a camp fire which was honored by the attendance of G. A. R. Comrades.

February 12.—Sergeant Chas. Smith Camp No. 81, held an appropriate Lincoln memorial service at Madison Barracks.

March 9.—John K. Sague Camp No. 44 tendered a banquet to Hamilton Post No. 20, G. A. R., the reason ascribed in the official program being "that Hamilton Post defeated Sague Camp at euchre."

February 20.—Hudson B. Moore Camp No. 78, earned commendation by its "Maine" memorial service in the city of Newburgh.

March 19.—Admiral Coghlan Camp No. 82 furnished a stag entertainment with an array of talent from the Comrades of the Camp.

April 4.—Admiral Cook Camp No. 69 will hold its annual military ball at Haverstraw.

(Notices will not be published unless forwarded to the Department Historian.)

SEVENTH ANNUAL DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT.

Saratoga Springs, August 1, 2 and 3, 1910.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK.

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

198 Broadway,

NEW YORK, May 23, 1910.

General Orders No. 6.

I. Aide to the Department Commander.

Comrade Rollin J. Bestor, Camp No. 37.

- II. Coghlan Memorial Committee.

April	2. H. W. Spangler, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia	\$5 00
	8. Thos. H. Barry Camp No. 73, Brooklyn.	5 00
	8. F. L. Sawyer (per Dept. Chaplain, W. H. I. Reaney)	10 00
	8. Adolph J. Jentzen (per Dept. Chaplain, W. H. I. Reaney).....	5 00
	11. Niagara Falls Camp No. 7 (per the Chairman)	5 00
	14. Capt. Frank Palmer Camp No. 28, Albany	5 00
	18. Rear Admiral Edward B. Barry, U. S. N., Mare Island, Cal., through Com. Grant	5 00
	20. Manhattan Camp No. 1, New York.....	10 00
	20. Individual members of Jos. S. Decker Camp No. 20, Staten Island	3 65
	25. Naval Camp No. 49, Brooklyn.....	10 00
May	4. Several Comrades of Keck Camp No. 53.	5 00
	12. Sergt. Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46....	3 00
	18. David Wilson Camp No. 59, New York City	3 00

18. Old Guard Camp No. 19, New York City	\$25 00
20. Crew of U. S. S. Rhode Island (per Dept. Chaplain Reaney).....	16 25
	\$115 90
Previously acknowledged	80 00
Total	\$195 90

All contributions should be forwarded direct to Chairman John H. Grant, 710 Mutual Life Building, Buffalo, N. Y.

Official Encampment Reporter.

Past Assistant Department Adjutant Charles M. Hoffman.

III. New Camps.

Esmond Camp No. 88 was mustered in at Fulton, April 22, 1910. This link in our chain was forged by Department Junior Vice-Commander Francis D. Culkin, with the co-operation of Comrades Torrey A. Ball and Charles S. Martin, the genial triumvirate, whose spirit of hospitality pervaded the Oswego Encampment.

General Joe Wheeler Camp No. 89 was mustered in at Washington Heights, New York City, May 6, 1910. By the fertile initiative of Past Commander Patrick J. Kelly was this desirable acquisition realized.

Francis V. Greene Camp No. 54, the charter of which was heretofore revoked, was, with the approval of National Headquarters, reinstated at North Tonawanda. May 20, 1910, by Past Commander-in-Chief Hamilton Ward.

IV. Legislation.

The results attained at the present legislative session follow:

(1) The Poor Law amendment has been enacted as chapter 102 of the Laws of 1910.

(2) The measure extending the provisions of the Civil Service Law to all Comrades who are eligible to our order, is inscribed as chapter 264 of the Laws of 1910.

(3) The Printing Bill having passed the Assembly is pending before the Senate Finance Committee.

Poor Law.

This enactment was zealously antagonized by the State Charity Aid Association. For the relief of indigent Comrades and their distressed widows and orphans our Camps are thereby authorized to disburse the public funds. For us and our dearest kin the law provides an infallible guarantee against the results of impoverishment. To accord similar relief from their limited private funds, fraternal, beneficial and secret societies and lodges must levy assessments and increase the financial obligations of membership. From such obligations we are free. The great privilege of drawing unlimitedly from the public funds vested in our Camps by this statute must be sacredly guarded from a too quick generosity and the guiles of the imposter. Fortified with this statutory insurance against adversity, every eligible must grasp the wisdom of joining the Camp. This same chapter authorizes each Camp to send its indigent to the State Soldiers' Home and supplements the \$50 allowance for the burial of the dead with a paragraph requiring an appropriation for the erection of tombstones to our deceased Comrades. With a well-diffused knowledge of the nature and operation of this law, the roster of each Camp should be trebled.

Civil Service Law.

By chapter 370, Laws 1899, Veterans of the Spanish-American War were fended from arbitrary removal from public employment. Unobtrusively, Chapter 270, Laws 1902, limited the privilege to volunteers. The legislation now adopted, despite the hostility of the Civil Service Reform Association, obliterates the distinction between volunteer and regular, and envelops in the beneficence of the law all those who served during the Philippine insurrection prior to July 4, 1902. While the ordinary employee, after the submission of an explanation, may be arbitrarily removed, the Veteran cannot, without a proper trial, accompanied by the right of appeal. This is a substantial prerogative. In interpreting this law the courts have decided that in the event of suspension for lack of work or money, the Veteran is entitled to a preference in reten-

tion of employment. Be it remembered that the U. S. W. V. by procuring this and other enactments, has accomplished more for the regular and for the foreign service men than any other distinct Veteran body, limited in its membership to these classes alone.

This results from our union of all the younger Veteran forces throughout the national domain. The division of our Comrades into separate bodies, predicated on the accident of detail for war service in any given territory, reduces them to hostile and feeble fragments, wherever strength and concerted action are needed.

Printing Bill.

This measure, Int. 557, by Hon. G. W. Brown, Chairman of the Assembly Committee on Public Printing, provides for the gratuitous publication by the State of 1,000 cloth-bound copies of the annual report of the Department of New York for the use of Headquarters.

At the last Department Encampment measures (1) and (2) were sponsored by these Headquarters, and (3) by Comrade William J. S. Dineen, Past Department Quartermaster.

Comrades are urged forthwith to submit in writing to these Headquarters recommending a future legislative program.

For this statutory recognition the Comrades are indebted to New York's great Governor, Charles E. Hughes, who, unswayed by the clamor of reform bodies, placed the seal of his statesmanlike approval on our measures.

To the advocacy of these bills Senator George H. Cobb brought the prestige of his leadership, and their passage through the Legislature was facilitated by the kind co-operation of Senator Thomas F. Grady, Comrades James W. Wadsworth, Jr., Speaker of the Assembly; Comrade James L. Whitley, Chairman of the Assembly Cities Committee; Comrade Joseph M. Fowler, Chairman of the Assembly Codes Committee; Chairman George H. Whitney, of the Assembly Committee on Internal Affairs; and Assemblymen Thaddeus C. Sweet, Luther S. Pitkins, Seymour Lowman, Lewis S. Chanler and Alfred E. Smith.

Effective aid was rendered by Department Junior Vice-Commander Francis D. Culkin, seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Hamilton Ward, Department Senior Vice-Commander William J.

Cunningham, Chief of Staff John D. Driscoll, Comrades Hiram C. Todd, Benjamin K. Walbridge, Fred W. Dunson and supported by the rank and file of the Department.

The silent but efficacious preliminary services of Past Commander John E. J. Clare with reference to the Poor Bill are hereby acknowledged.

V. Committee on Poor Law Administration.

To advise ways and means for an authoritative application of the Poor Law and to surround its administration with conservative safeguards, the following committee is hereby appointed:

Chairman William J. S. Dineen, 25 Oak street, Brooklyn Hills L. I.; Past Department Commander C. A. Simmons, Department Junior Vice-Commander Francis D. Culkin, Past Department Senior Vice-Commander John D. Driscoll, Department Inspector Frank D. Lakestream, Department Mustering Officer Harlin P. Hamlin, Department Aide Timothy J. Dinan, Past Commanders Alfred J. Kennedy, John T. Oates, W. Fenton Myers; Department Senior Vice-Commander Wm. J. Cunningham, Past Department Senior Vice-Commander Philip G. Roosa, Past Department Junior Vice-Commander Emil Wohler, Department Medical Director Garret V. Johnson, Department Historian Malcolm C. Fraser, Bernhardt J. Wall, Joseph F. Kaiser, James T. Smith, Herbert A. Morgan, Commanders Anthony J. Griffin, Carl R. Hexamer, Fred. D. Grisard, Chaplain Frank Van Buren, Comrade Hiram C. Todd and Comrade P. J. Lauby. Requests for information should be directed to the Chairman.

VI. Roosevelt Reception.

This function, in which the Camps of this and adjoining Departments are to participate, will be made the subject of a forthcoming special order. Commanders are directed to assemble their respective Camps, properly uniformed, June 18, 1910. Letters or resolutions of greetings to our distinguished Comrade should be adopted by each Camp for presentation to him on the occasion of his landing on the soil of his native land. These should be for-

warded to the Secretary of the U. S. W. V. Roosevelt Advisory Committee, the members of which are: Bernhardt Wall, Chairman; William H. Johnson, Vice-Chairman; Frank D. Lakestream, Secretary, 840 E. 228th street, New York City; Past Commanders-in-Chief M. Emmett Urell, Hamilton Ward and Charles W. Newton; Past Adjutant-General Henry H. Saunders; Past Department Commanders Frank Keck, John T. Collins (N. J.), Richard R. Flynn (Mass.), John T. Hilton (N. J.); Department Commanders George F. Gammons (Conn.), H. J. McCamman (Mass.), and W. H. Newman (N. J.), and Comrades Michael Reagan, Carl R. Hexamer, Joseph Kaiser, John T. Oates, A. L. Beckhardt, John S. Adair, Frederick C. Kuehnle, Walter Anderson, W. E. Downs, J. P. Rowan and Al. Franke.

VII. Memorial Observance.

Memorial Sunday and Decoration Day appeal to us by their holy and heroic significance. Failure to participate in the observance of either exhibits a shocking disregard of our dead. No Comrade should fail in this plain duty. Let grave marker and wreath, martial tread and bugle, prayer and eloquence, attest each Camp's fulfilment of duty. Every deference should be accorded our venerable Comrades of the G. A. R. Yield them the precedence that is their lasting meed.

Memorial Sunday.

By the request of Gloucester Naval Camp No. 5, these Headquarters have assumed command of the U. S. W. V. division at the Memorial Military Field Mass to be held on the parade ground of the Marine Barracks, Brooklyn, Sunday, May 29, 1910. The contingent will form on Vanderbilt avenue, with right resting on Flushing avenue, at 9 a. m. Commanders will report to the Department Adjutant, stationed at Vanderbilt and Flushing avenues, with the Department colors.

The Manhattan Borough Council will conduct its memorial service at St. Michael's Church, 99th street and Amsterdam avenue, New York City, at 4 p. m. Assembly is set for 3:15 p. m. at the southeast corner 110th street and Broadway.

The Brooklyn Memorial and Executive Committee announces that its service will be held at the Fulton Theatre, Brooklyn, at 8 P. M.

Memorial Day.

General Guy V. Henry Camp No. 38 will hold services in commemoration of the unfortunate dead at Hart's Island Cemetery. The vessel bearing Comrades to the place will leave the foot of East 91st street, New York City, at 2 P. M.

The parade in the Borough of Manhattan will be reviewed by President William H. Taft and a staff consisting of the full New York Congressional delegation. Camps in this territory should muster their maximum strength on this occasion.

VIII. Department Encampment.

1. *Delegates.*—“Each Camp shall annually elect by ballot from its members one delegate and one alternate delegate for each 50 members, or major fraction thereof, to the Department Encampment.” Commanders are hereby directed to effectuate this and the other requirements of section 14, article VII, of the National Rules and Regulations. Compile duplicate roster of names and addresses of past Commanders, delegates and alternates, forwarding one to Department Adjutant for issuance of credentials, and the other to Adjutant Fred. W. Dunson, 28 Waterbury street, Saratoga Springs, for proper publication.

2. *Leave of Absence.*—Comrades in the public service desiring to attend the Encampment should make timely application to the heads of their respective Departments. In the City of New York the Mayor disapproved the customary aldermanic resolution suggesting the former course.

3. *Saratoga Club.*—Commanders who have been delinquent in so doing will immediately transmit to Special Aide John E. J. Clare, 357 West 118th street, New York City, a list of names and addresses of Comrades and their friends who will probably attend the Encampment. This will insure facility in transportation and convenience in hotel accommodations, etc.

4. *Parade.*—In order to make an impressive public appearance each Comrade should be uniformed. The regulation blue and gray alone will be permitted in line.

5. *Reunions.*—Tuesday afternoon the “Old Second Regiment” will fraternize once again at G. A. R. Hall. The Imperial Dragons on Wednesday afternoon will gather to celebrate their Chinese service. The serpent will emerge from the grand lair of the Military Order of the Serpent with weird Katipunian rites on Wednesday evening.

IX. Recruits.

The acceleration in recruiting exhibits the healthy pulse of the Department. The keen Camp rivalry for the annual prizes, the invaluable privileges conferred by statute on our members and the dominancy of the Order as a factor in civic affairs, have each contributed to the enlargement of our roster. Honorary mention is hereby accorded Colonel Henry W. Hubbell Camp No. 24, David Wilson Camp No. 59 and West Point Camp No. 85 for their extraordinary percentage of increase.

X. Uniform.

By our uniform does the public identify us as members of the U. S. W. V. In its blending of the Blue and Gray it gives visible evidence of the reunited Republic. Failure to wear the uniform is a confession of indifference to the Order. By this token a well-uniformed Camp reflects the loyalty of its membership. Department officers and visitors are hereby directed to investigate this subject in Camps visited by them and to report thereon to these Headquarters.

Particulars concerning rates, etc., may be obtained from Chairman of Uniform Committee Oscar F. Berger, 1519 Zerega avenue, Bronx, New York City.

XI. “Boys of '98.”

For nine years last past Comrade Frank Van Buren, the lovable Chaplain of Theodore Roosevelt Camp No. 10, has gratuitously issued his patriotic publication. Notice of the social and military functions of Camps will be inserted and copies of all issues furnished without charge by communicating with him, 438 East 164th street, New York City.

XII. Military Order of the Serpent.

In order that the records of the Grand Lair of this Department may be properly compiled its members are requested to communicate with Comrade Fred. C. Madden, 301 West 150th street, New York City, (1) name and address, (2) name and number of Camp, and (3) date and place of initiation.

XIII. Imperial Order of the Dragon.

Comrades who served with the China Relief Expedition or during the Boxer Insurrection, between May, 1900, and May, 1901, are urged to communicate with Comrade C. Aubrey Lomas, 307 West 150th street, New York City.

Taps.

Comrade Richard J. Cavanagh, Capron Camp No. 22, late private Co. B, 47th N. Y. Vol. Inf., died at Brooklyn March 28, 1910.

Comrade Frank E. Pierce, 14th Regiment Camp No. 14, late private Co. F, 14th N. Y. Vol. Inf., died at Hot Springs, Ark., April 30, 1910.

Comrade George Ross, Saratoga Camp No. 58, late private Co. L, 2d N. Y. Vol. Inf., died at Saratoga Springs May 10, 1910.

The foregoing were interred with full military honors. The sympathy of these Headquarters is hereby extended to the families of the deceased and to the Comrades of their respective Camps.

By order of

MAURICE SIMMONS,
Department Commander.

Official:

ERNEST W. LARKIN,
Department Adjutant.

FINAL NOTICE.

Seventh Annual Department Encampment, Saratoga Springs,
August 1, 2 and 3, 1910.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK,

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

198 Broadway.

NEW YORK, *July 14, 1910.*

General Orders No. 7.

I. Coghlan Memorial Fund.

The following additional contributions are announced:

May	21. Thos. H. Fitzgerald Camp No. 79, White Plains	\$3 00
	21. Gen. Guy V. Henry Camp No. 38, New York City	10 00
	24. F. C. Warner Camp No. 52, Ilion	5 00
	24. U. S. S. Kansas (per Department Chaplain William H. I. Reaney)	50 35
	24. U. S. S. Yankton (per Department Chaplain William H. I. Reaney)	12 00
	24. U. S. S. Panther (per Department Chaplain William H. I. Reaney)	25 00
	24. U. S. S. Mississippi (per Department Chaplain William H. I. Reaney)	56 75
	24. U. S. S. New Hampshire (per Department Chaplain William H. I. Reaney)	19 00
	24. M. A. McAllister, U. S. S. Idaho (per Department Chaplain William H. I. Reaney)	5 00
	24. Miscellaneous, U. S. Navy (per Department Chaplain William H. I. Reaney)	3 20
June	16. Capt. Luis F. Emilio, U. S. V. (per Commander H. C. H. Stewart)	1 00

	17. Capt. Wm. Winder, U. S. N. (per Pay Director Galt)	\$5 00
	17. Capt. Benj. Tappan, U. S. N. (per Pay Director Galt)	5 00
	17. Rear Admiral W. H. Reeder, U. S. N. (per Pay Director Galt)	10 00
	17. Commander A. S. Halstead, U. S. N. (per Pay Director Galt)	5 00
	17. Capt. F. H. Bailey, U. S. N. (per Pay Director Galt)	5 00
	17. Pay Director J. N. Speel, U. S. N. (per Pay Director Galt)	5 00
	17. Chief Boatswain E. J. Norcott, U. S. N. (per Pay Director Galt)	5 00
	17. Pay Director Wm. W. Galt, U. S. N. . . .	5 00
	24. Defendam Camp No. 36, New York City	10 00
July	11. Major Ivan Tailoff, U. S. V. (per Com- mander H. C. H. Stewart)	1 00
		\$246 30
		Previously acknowledged
		195 90
		Total
		\$442 20

The largest fraction of the foregoing subscriptions is accredited to Department Chaplain William H. I. Reaney. Holding high rank in the U. S. Navy, and absent on active service, he stands foremost in this sacrificial labor. This result illuminates his character. Toil for the living may withal be reciprocated. Service to the dead is the symbol of nobility.

The Camp that fails to make its offering to this fund is recreant to the spirit of our ritual.

II. Department Encampment.

1. Attendance.—Allegiance to the Order requires your presence. The reduced railroad fare and the moderate hotel charge make Saratoga Springs accessible to all. The opportunity to com-

bine patriotism and pleasure at this garden spot of America should be grasped by Comrades and friends. Footprint of history and beneficence of nature here afford material for reflection and diversion.

2. Delegates.—The Camp should send its best representatives to the Encampment. By his conduct let each delegate exemplify the dignity of his office. Be prepared to attend every business session of the Encampment and to make a faithful report thereon to your home Camp.

3. Per Capita Tax.—By resolution duly adopted June 25, the Council of Administration levied a semi-annual per capita tax of $12\frac{1}{2}$ cents for the term ending December 31, 1910, payable in advance, July 1, 1910. No delegate or alternate will be seated unless this and all prior taxes have been paid before the opening of the Encampment. Make remittance forthwith to Department Quartermaster Thomas I. Quinn, 402 E. 80th Street, New York City. The manifold demands on the Departmental Treasury make imperative the foregoing ruling. No requisition for supplies will be honored after July 15th by the present Department Quartermaster.

4. Leaves of Absence.—Civil Service employees intending to visit the Encampment should immediately make application for leave with pay. In the City of New York the application should be directed to the proper departmental executive in the Municipal, State or Federal service.

5. The local committee report: (a) That the "Windsor Hotel," a \$4 per diem house, one of the best at the springs, has just reopened with the announcement of a special Encampment rate of \$2 a day; (b) that a special all-day tour of Lake George, scenically one of the most picturesque tourist routes in the world, is being arranged, and (c) that Past Commander Daniel J. Murphy, Chairman of the U. S. W. V. Annual Athletic Games Committee, has been designated toastmaster of the great public banquet. For quarters immediately communicate with Chairman A. W. A. Giersberg, 53 White Street, Saratoga Springs.

6. Transportation.—Headquarters has obtained a special railroad rate of a fare and three-fifths for the whole State. In purchasing ticket request the certificate entitling holder to this reduc-

tion on return trip. This benefit applies to the friends and families of Comrades.

Special Train.

Repeating last year's successful experiment a train of solid vestibuled cars, to be known as "The U. S. W. V. Special," will transport the Comrades, ladies, etc., from New York City and the Hudson Valley on the N. Y. C. & H. R. R. For tickets or seats in observation car, communicate at once with Special Aide John E. J. Clare, 45 E. 17th Street, New York City. The publicity value of this project to the Order makes it incumbent upon every Comrade in the territory affected to employ this mode of travel. The certificate plan applies, and those desiring to do so may return by the Hudson River Day Line or the Hudson Navigation Company night lines, without additional charge. It was originally intended to travel by special boat, but the navigation company involved canceled its arrangement — a compelling reason for you to travel by the Headquarters Railroad Special. Be sure to wear uniform.

The time schedule of the U. S. W. V. Special follows: Leaves Grand Central Station, New York City, 9:50 A. M.; 125th Street, 10:00 A. M.; Yonkers, 10:27 A. M.; Fishkill, 11:52 A. M.; Poughkeepsie, 12:20 P. M.; Hudson, 1:17 P. M.; Troy, 2:10 P. M., and arrives at Saratoga 3 P. M.

Comrades are requested to attend a special meeting, to be held at the 22d Regiment Armory, 68th Street and Broadway, Manhattan, New York City, Friday, July 22d, at 8:30 P. M., in order to purchase tickets for the U. S. W. V. Special and to perfect final arrangements for transportation, etc.

III. Hudson Valley Council.

In order to secure the concentrated results that follow the union of numbers and means, this body was created at Newburgh, June 12th. Its constituent Camps are: Major John K. Sague, No. 44, of Poughkeepsie; Hudson B. Moore, No. 78, of Newburgh; Admiral Cook, No. 69, of Haverstraw; West Point, No. 85, of West Point, and A. C. Weller, No. 32, of Middletown. This happy consummation is primarily attributable to the endeavors of Commander Frederick D. Grisard.

IV. Grave Markers.

The recommendation made by Theodore Roosevelt Camp No. 10 to these Headquarters that grave markers be painted annually by Camps is hereby approved. The wear of the elements causes this deplorable condition, and thereby unjust criticism is invited.

V. Court Martial.

Charges of conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline having been preferred against Comrade Cornelius Foley of Norman W. Crosby Camp No. 37, in that he appeared in an intoxicated condition, while in uniform, at the Maine Memorial Services in the City of New York, February 20, 1910, and the Board convened by the Commander of said Camp having found said Comrade guilty of dereliction, and having recommended his suspension from membership for a period of six months, now therefore the said sentence is approved and said Comrade Cornelius Foley is hereby suspended from membership in this Order and from all the rights and privileges accruing to him thereby, but from none of the obligations thereof, for a period of six months. The publicity of this punishment should act as a salutary deterrent. Each Comrade carries with him the honor of the Order.

VI. Roosevelt Parade.

More than 2,000 Comrades formed the escort to Comrade Theodore Roosevelt on his return to these shores. Never before was our membership marshaled in such strength in the City of New York. Under the leadership of Past Commander Daniel J. Murphy, the "Boys of '98" marched in Blue and Gray, appreciating the honor for which they had been singled out. In acknowledgment of the presentation of the book of greetings, the ex-President said: "Thanks, thanks, a thousand times. Time is pressing, so that I cannot greet all the men, but I will ask you personally to let them all know how greatly, how sincerely, I appreciate this book and their presence here. You will do that for me?"

The function was not departmental but national in scope, as attested by the presence of Past Commander-in-Chief Charles W. Newton, Department Commander Fenton and Past Department

Commanders Breckhill and Gammons of Connecticut, Department Commander McCammon and Past Department Commander Flynn of Massachusetts, Department Commander Lake and Staff of Rhode Island, Department Commander Mawson and Staff of Washington, D. C., Department Commander Gasser and Past Department Commanders Collins, Newman and Desmond with over 300 Comrades from New Jersey, Past Department Commander Draper of Indiana and Past Department Commander Hunter of Oklahoma, to whom these Headquarters hereby conveys its appreciation.

For the well-rounded preparations resulting in such signal success, the fullest meed of praise should be accorded to the Chairman of the Department Committee, Past Commander Bernhardt Wall.

VII. Hospital Bed Funds.

Our Order is a messenger of mercy. In the alleviation of the distressed should we find our primary mission. The means employed should be practical and immediate. Associate Camps should studiously consider the plan of the Manhattan Borough Council to provide beds in the Red Cross Hospital, New York City, where sick or disabled Comrades and their dependents may receive proper medicines, nursing, food, medical and surgical treatment and sympathetic attention. This project, unfolding the mantle of comradeship, should be supported by your subscription. Give within your needs. The amount matters not. The Chairman of the Committee is Past Commander Bernard J. Fagan, 103 W. 43d Street, and the Treasurer, Past Commander Samuel J. Kopetzky, 616 Madison Avenue, New York City.

VIII. Impostor.

Warning is hereby issued against an individual styling himself "Joseph Richter," who under specious pleas has fraudulently extracted sums of money from benevolently disposed Comrades and Camps. These acts constitute larceny and his immediate apprehension and conviction are desirable. As a result of the victimizations practiced by men of this stamp unjust suspicion visits the appeal of the truly needy.

IX. Fourth of July Committee.

In the smokeless celebration of Independence Day our Camps helped fill the measure of civic duty. In the Borough of Manhattan the Camps paraded under the marshalship of Commander Anthony J. Griffin, who on the briefest notice made a most commendatory showing. In connection with this function the Mayor of New York City communicated with these Headquarters in substance as follows: "I desire to thank you for the patriotic spirit displayed by your organization in this matter. It affords a splendid example for other similar bodies of patriotic men."

X. Visits to Department Encampments.

In the furtherance of comity between neighboring Departments, the Department Commander and staff on June 10th and 11th, respectively, attended the Encampments of the Departments of Connecticut and New Jersey, both of which are in robust condition. Acknowledgment is hereby made of the courtesy of David Wilson Camp No. 59, in acting as the escort to the Department Commander at the latter Encampment.

XI. Official Visitors.

A compilation of the reports filed by these missionaries of Headquarters discloses results of beneficent and comprehensive scope. The names of the distinguished Comrades on this Roll of Honor will be made the subject of a forthcoming annual report.

XII. Ladies' Auxiliary.

The Ladies' Auxiliary has labored in harmonious coadjutorship with these Headquarters. In the gathering of the Coghlan Memorial Fund, the invigoration of our Camps and loyal service to this Department, President Kathryne Fellows and her efficient staff have woven for themselves a laurel of the golden opinions of the Comrades of New York.

XIII. Information.

Comrade John E. McClare, Manhattan Camp No. 1, late private, Co. F, 9th N. Y. Vol. Inf., is reported missing. Informa-

tion of his whereabouts should be forwarded to his wife, at No. 424 W. 56th Street, New York City.

Taps.

Comrade Frederick J. Ottoson, Warren A. Wilson Camp No. 9, late private, 9th U. S. Inf., died by drowning at Glens Falls, June 18, 1910.

Comrade Obed M. Coleman, Saratoga Camp No. 58, a veteran of the Civil War, late Second Lieutenant Co. L, 2d N. Y. Vol. Inf., died at Saratoga Springs, June 20, 1910.

Comrade John J. Gallagher, West Point Camp No. 85, late private Co. E, 1st Battalion of U. S. Engineers, died at West Point, June 26, 1910.

Comrade George W. Frothingham, Manhattan Camp No. 1, late Sergeant Co. B, 12th N. Y. Vol. Inf., died at New York City, July 6, 1910.

The foregoing were buried with military honors. The sympathy of these Headquarters is hereby extended to the families of the deceased and to the Comrades of their respective Camps.

By order of

MAURICE SIMMONS,

Department Commander.

Official:

ERNEST W. LARKIN,

Department Adjutant.

Miscellaneous Functions.

(Edited by Malcolm C. Fraser, Department Historian, 176 Railroad Ave., White Plains, N. Y.)

Past.

March 24. Major Louis B. Lawton Camp No. 39 held its annual sausagefest at Krause's Tavern, Auburn.

April 13. Manhattan Camp No. 1 entertained the patronesses of the Camp at the 12th Regiment Armory, New York City, with refreshments, song and dance.

April 19. Thomas H. Fitzgerald Camp No. 79 gave an illustrated lecture, entitled "Around the World with the Atlantic Fleet," at White Plains.

April 20. General Eugene Griffin Camp No. 11, of Schenectady, held its duodecennial muster and banquet. The Mayor of the City and the local G. A. R. Post were the guests of honor.

April 21. Saratoga Camp No. 58 was entertained at a banquet given in its honor by Luther M. Wheeler Post No. 92, G. A. R., of Saratoga.

May 4. West Point Camp No. 85 visited Hudson B. Moore Camp No. 78, at Newburgh, and presented the latter with a Bible and altar flag.

May 14. Frank Rockwell Palmer Camp No. 28 held a memorable beefsteak supper at the Rensselaer, Albany.

June 9. David Wilson Camp No. 59 gave a beanfest and smoker which brought good cheer to the attending Comrades.

June 14. West Point Camp No. 85 held a dance in honor of its friends, several Comrades from Hudson B. Moore Camp No. 78, of Newburgh, attending.

June 26. West Point Camp No. 85, together with John Sedgwick Garrison, Army and Navy Union, of West Point, received the 14th Regiment Camp No. 14 and the George A. Custer Garrison, Army and Navy Union, of Brooklyn, at the Engineers' gymnasium, West Point, on the occasion of the annual decoration of the grave of General George A. Custer.

July 1. Thomas H. Fitzgerald Camp No. 79 held its first annual supper and reunion at the Elberon Hotel, White Plains.

Future.

August 14. Colonel Henry W. Hubbell Camp No. 24 will hold its fourth annual family outing at Hudson County Park, Union Hill, N. J.

August 20. Old Guard Camp No. 19 will hold a grand military outing at William Fuhrer's Hotel and Park, Jackson avenue, Newtown, L. I.

September 2. Manhattan Borough Council announces a reunion and picnic in furtherance of its Hospital Bed Fund, to be held at Manhattan Casino and Park, 155th street and 8th avenue, New York city.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) ERNEST W. LARKIN,
Department Adjutant.

COMRADE GILBERT:

I move that this report be received and spread on the minutes of the Encampment.

COMRADE COURT:

I second the motion. (Carried.)

COMRADE HERRICK:

Comrade Commander and Delegates, the time to honor a man is when he is alive. It is a nice thing, after he is dead, to say that he was a good fellow, but I believe that Comrade Larkin's administration as Adjutant has been something that we will not see again for a long time. Our Adjutant started in at a time when the Department was growing very rapidly, and he changed the system, from what was a haphazard way of keeping the books and affairs of the organization, and put it where it compares very favorably with the records of any business which you can find, and he has done a whole lot of other things; and not to use any more time, it gives me great pleasure, on behalf of Department Commander Simmons, to hang this emblem of the Order upon his breast. (Applause and cheers.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The report of the Department Quartermaster will now be read.

Report of the Department Quartermaster.

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y., August 1, 1910.

To the Officers and Delegates, Seventh Annual Encampment,
United Spanish War Veterans:

I have the honor to submit my report covering the period from
August 1, 1909, to August 1, 1910.

Balance on hand August 1, 1909.....	\$635 16
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Received from all sources.....	2,830 55
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Total receipts	\$3,465 71
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Expenditures	2,880 47
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Balance July 30, 1910.....	\$585 24
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The disbursements for the year were as follows:

Department Encampment, 1909.

Salary Department Adjutant	\$100 00
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Salary Department Quartermaster	100 00
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Salary Assistant Department Adjutant (Doremus)..	25 00
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Salary Assistant Department Adjutant (Hoffman)..	25 00
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Official stenographer	60 00
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Mileage Department officers and entertaining	
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Commander-in-Chief	52 05
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Total	\$362 05
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Department Commander.

Legislation	\$87 73
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Mileage	39 70
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Incidentals	10 61
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Total	\$138 04
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Department Adjutant.

Postage, telephone and telegrams.....	\$124 05
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Department Quartermaster.

Postage and expressage	\$31 80
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Department Historian.

Postage and supplies \$23 40

Department Inspector.

Official services \$24 36

Printing and Stationery.

Wm. C. Copper..... \$486 20

Terminal Printing Co. 24 00

Stenographers.

Stenographers \$39 56

Supplies.

Supplies \$692 37

Adjutant-General.

National per capita tax..... \$743 60

Incidentals 191 14

Total \$934 74

Property Account.

1 typewriter, Department Adjutant \$40 00

1 typewriter, Asst. Dept. Adjt. (Doremus)..... 35 00

1 typewriter, Department Quartermaster 30 00

1 typewriter, Asst. Dept. Adjt. (Hoffman)..... 30 00

1 typewriter, Department Historian 16 00

1 mimeograph, Asst Dept. Adjt. (Doremus)..... 30 00

1 filing cabinet, Department Adjutant..... 31 00

1 silk American flag and eagle, Dept. Headquarters. 125 00

1 Department flag and eagle, Dept. Headquarters... 125 00

1 seal, Department Headquarters 5 00

2 maps Department Headquarters 3 00

1 electrotype Department Headquarters 50

Total \$470 50

While the expenditures on supplies amounted to \$692.37, the receipts for same proved to be \$856.41, with supplies on hand amounting to \$54, makes a gain for the Department of \$218.04.

After serving a two year's sentence, with no commutation for good behavior, one is very apt to take notice of his surroundings, and is in all probability qualified to make a few suggestions as to their improvement.

Such being admitted, I would suggest to you, Comrades, that the Department of New York, being the largest in the Order, that its importance should be commensurate with its position, and that the Department Commander, by virtue of his high position, and his intimate knowledge of the needs of the Department, should be the official representative of the Department at the National Encampment.

You will not consider me as possessing a superior knowledge when I assure you that we have very few Comrades in our ranks who may be elevated to that high office that have more money than they can possibly find use for.

It is my intention to submit to your committee a resolution that the Department make provision to defray the expenses of the Department Commander to the National Encampment.

In conclusion, I want to assure you, Comrades, that I am thankful for the kindness you have shown me during my term of office, and though there may have been little drawbacks at times, the opportunity afforded to form associations that will ever be cherished is recompense more than sufficient for much abler service than it has been the power of your humble servant to render.

(Signed) THOMAS J. QUINN,
Department Quartermaster.

COMRADE LUZZI:

I move that the report of the Department Quartermaster be accepted and spread upon the minutes of this Encampment.

COMRADE CUNNINGHAM:

I would amend that the report be referred to the Finance Committee.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The report will be referred to the Finance Committee.

COMRADE VANCE:

I second the motion that the report be accepted and spread upon the minutes. (Carried.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

It is my duty, under the National and Department Regulations, without motion, to refer the Quartermaster's report to the Finance Committee, so that a motion is unnecessary. The report will be referred to the Finance Committee.

COMRADE COURT:

Comrades, I have been called upon this morning to perform a most gracious duty, but I never felt that I had a more important task in the consummation of any duty of a similar nature. Our friend, Comrade Herrick, has preceded me in a similar gracious task. It is my duty, with respect to our friend, our worthy Comrade Quartermaster Thomas J. Quinn, on behalf of our Comrade Commander Simmons, to pay a tribute to him of a nature like unto that paid unto our beloved Adjutant. Quartermaster, I have great pleasure, on behalf of our Commander, to give to you this symbol of our order. It is one of the most gracious gifts that could be given to us. It symbolizes something that nobody could get, nobody could rightfully wear, except a United Spanish War Veteran, and it was earned as every one here knows. Since it is unique in itself in the fact that we only are permitted to wear it, and then being doubly unique in the fact that it is presented as a gift for long continued and faithful service, I am happy to be the means of presenting it. (Applause and cheers.)

DEPARTMENT QUARTERMASTER:

Comrade Court and Comrades, there is only one thing lacking now, I feel, and that is a photographer. (Laughter.) I know, as I stand here in all my dignity, that I must cut a very imposing spectacle, but let me tell you, Comrades, I deeply appreciate this kindness. I did not realize until I heard the very gracious words from Comrade Court, and received your magnificent gift, that I was half as guilty as you make me out to be, but I assure you,

Comrades, as I have assured you in my report, that the associations formed in the discharge of my duties have more than recompensed me for anything I may have done, and now, for this magnificent gift, I can but assure you of my regret that my efforts were not much more able than they have proven to be. (Applause.)

COMRADE COURT:

I move you, sir, that we take a recess to 2 o'clock this afternoon.

COMRADE STOBBE:

I second that motion. (Carried.)

The morning session was adjourned at 1 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I call for the report of the Department Historian, Comrade Malcolm C. Fraser, of White Plains.

Report of the Department Historian.

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y., *August, 1, 1910.*

To the Department Commander and Delegates, Seventh Annual Encampment, Department of New York, United Spanish War Veterans:

COMRADES AND SHIPMATES.—I have the honor to submit the following report as Department Historian for the term of 1909–1910.

You are probably aware that the office of Department Historian is in its infancy and is to a great extent an experiment.

My predecessor, Past Department Historian John S. Hayes, who had the honor to hold the office, reported at the Sixth Department Encampment that “when the office was created the duties to be performed were not defined, the office in consequence had been more or less in a quandary.”

One of the greatest difficulties Comrade Hayes experienced was in securing reports and data from the various Camps, and he was forced to obtain practically all his information, second hand, from the Department Adjutant. Desiring to improve these conditions and pave the way for the future success of the office, which he

considered a very important one, Comrade Hayes introduced a resolution at the last Department Encampment recommending that an additional Camp officer be created to be known as the Camp Historian, who should report direct to the Department Historian.

This resolution was favorably acted upon and referred to the Sixth National Encampment where it was again favorably acted upon and referred to the Committee on the Revision of the National Rules and Regulations, which will report at the next National Encampment.

After assuming the office of Department Historian it was some time before I could decide in what way I could best fulfill my duties. The suggestions made by Comrade Hays in his report as to what the duties of the office should be were so numerous it was impossible for me to carry them into effect at once.

To collect data for the purpose of writing the history of the Department during my term of office seemed to me to be a waste of time, as the combined reports of the Department Commander, Adjutant, Quartermaster and other Department officers are a history which can hardly be improved upon.

Among other suggestions made by Comrade Hayes was one recommending that the Department Historian supply the Department news to the various publications catering to the United Spanish War Veterans. This seemed to me to be the best way I could serve the Department, as it is only through these publications that the various Camps can keep in touch with the activities of the other Camps. This is especially so with regard to Camps located in isolated parts of the State.

In order to secure the necessary information for publication the Department Commander, at my request, inserted the following notice in General Order No. 1: "Commanders are hereby directed to instruct their respective Adjutants to forward to the Department Historian clippings from local newspapers and periodicals, with date and name of publication, pertaining to the activities of the Camp or order, so that the same may be filed with the records of his bureau. Written accounts of Camp happenings, if forwarded to him, will make more effective the discharge of his duties."

And in General Order No. 2, the following notice: "Hereafter, unless due notice and report of the activities of Camp and Council

are forwarded to the Department Historian, no mention thereof will appear in General Orders."

With very few exceptions these orders were ignored, and after waiting several months with no indication that I would suffer from nervous prostration from over-work I again took the matter up with the Department Commander.

This time I suggested that the Commanders of the various Camps be requested to appoint Camp Historians at once. This suggestion he approved and last December I sent the following letter to the Adjutant of each Camp in the Department requesting that he present the same to the new Commander immediately upon his election:

DEAR COMMANDER.—In order that the United Spanish War Veterans may receive more publicity and Department Headquarters be kept better informed of all Camp functions and activities, I suggest that you appoint a Comrade of your Camp as Historian.

His duty will be to see that the local press contain notices and reports of all your Camp meetings and entertainments, in fact do everything within his power to keep the name of the organization before the public.

About 30,000 men enlisted from the State of New York for the Spanish-American War alone, and according to the Department Adjutant's report at Oswego, the Department of New York can only muster about 6,600 members.

I believe that if the organization received more publicity it would not be long in doubling and trebling the membership.

Special care should be taken to make it clear that Philippine and China veterans are eligible to membership.

The Camp Historian should also keep the Department Headquarters informed, through me, of all Camp functions, send me marked copies of all papers containing U. S. W. V. matter, and be prepared to answer any adverse criticism of the organization or its legislative activities that may appear in the local press.

Reports of entertainments should be complete and newsy — not mere statements of facts, as they will be forwarded for publication to the National Guard Magazine and the U. S. W. V. Review, and will be mentioned in General Orders.

All reports of Camp functions are forwarded by me to the National Guard Magazine and the U. S. W. V. Review on the 5th and 20th of each month respectively.

The Historian should be sure to send me something at least once a month.

If you decide to take action on my suggestion will you kindly send me the name and address of the Comrade you appoint immediately upon appointment in order that I may communicate directly with him.

Will you kindly direct your Adjutant to place my name on his mailing list for all Camp orders, circulars, etc.

Yours in F. P. & H.,

MALCOLM C. FRASER,

Department Historian.

(Approved)

MAURICE SIMMONS,

Department Commander.

Of the eighty-one Camps in the Department at the time, this request was favorably acted upon by twenty-three Camps as follows: Manhattan Camp No. 1; Marcus D. Russell Camp No. 2; General Eugene Griffin Camp No. 11; Bucky O'Neil Camp No. 15; Old Guard Camp No. 19; General Henry W. Lawton Camp No. 21; Capron Camp No. 22; Colonel Henry W. Hubbell Camp No. 24; Frank Rockwell Palmer Camp No. 28; Griffin Engineers Camp No. 31; General Guy V. Henry Camp No. 38; Louis B. Lawton Camp No. 39; Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46; Admiral Sampson Camp No. 48; Saratoga Camp No. 58; David Wilson Camp No. 59; Captain Allyn Capron Camp No. 60; Captain George M. Tilly Camp No. 66; Admiral Cook Camp No. 69; Thomas H. Barry Camp No. 73; New Utrecht Camp No. 77; Hudson B. Moore Camp No. 78; and West Point Camp No. 85.

The majority of the Historians appointed have rendered me valuable assistance in carrying out my work, but I regret to say that several have considered their appointment as a mere honor. If they have done anything in the line of duty they have failed to render me any report.

I have also received valuable assistance from the Adjutants of the following Camps: Warren A. Wilson Camp No. 9; Theodore

Roosevelt Camp No. 10; Major John K. Sague Camp No. 44; and Samuel M. Porter Camp No. 45.

As the majority of the reports received have been either too long or too short for publication it has been my principal duty to edit them to a reasonable length. Of the reports sent out for publication I have made six typewritten copies which have been distributed as follows:

One to the U. S. W. V. Review.

One to the National Guard Magazine.

One to the Department Headquarters.

One to the National Historian.

One placed on file.

One retained by myself.

Of the reports sent to the U. S. W. V. Review practically all have been published in full. During my term of office the Review has published over twenty columns of New York news which I have furnished as well as about eight columns furnished by others.

The news which I furnished the Review has been published under the heading of:

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK.

Edited by Malcolm C. Fraser, Department Historian.

The U. S. W. V. Review, now known as the National Review, has been published for over two years by Comrade O. Pettijohn of Elyria, Ohio. It is devoted entirely to the interests of the United Spanish War Veterans. At present it is the only United Spanish War Veteran's paper of national scope published, and deserves the full support of every Comrade in this Department, as it is only through a publication of this kind that one can keep in touch with the entire organization.

The support that my office has received from Comrade Pettijohn the courtesy extended and the friendship engendered, though at long distance, have been among the pleasures of my term of office that will be long remembered.

Of the reports sent to the National Guard Magazine few have been published, and those few in most cases have been boiled down to mere statements.

I have received a number of complaints from various sources that reports that were sent to me were not published, and in most

cases these complaints referred to a certain magazine. On this question I can only say that I have done my best to have all reports, that could be considered news, published in both the Review and the National Guard Magazine, and if an editor did not see fit to publish them I am not to blame.

It had been the custom to insert in Department General Orders notices of past and future Camp functions which came to the attention of the Department Commander and Adjutant, and I noticed that a number of Camps continued to send such notices direct to Department Headquarters contrary to the Department Commander's orders to send them direct to me. As the Department Commander and Adjutant have plenty to do without handling the Department Historian's work, and as the publishing of such notices was unfair to the Camps which were obeying orders, the Department Commander at my request turned over to me the editorship of the "Miscellaneous Functions" section of the Department General Orders. Under this arrangement only such notices as were sent direct to me have been published.

During my term of office I have established a filing system by which all newspaper clippings, properly dated, all reports and all correspondence from the different Camps are filed in a separate envelope for each Camp.

Besides having the extreme honor of being the Department Historian, I am the Commander of a young and growing Camp, and have acted as Secretary at all meetings of the Council of Administration during the term of 1909-1910. The duties of these three offices have been many and tedious, and while it has been a pleasure to serve the organization in any capacity, I look forward with a certain amount of pleasure to a chance to rest and renew my acquaintance with my family.

To my successor I extend greetings and trust that he will be able to make the office a grand success, and I volunteer any assistance that he may desire. I do not think it expedient to make any suggestions or recommendations, as the next Department Historian may wish to advance along other lines, and he should not be hampered.

To the Comrades who have supported me I am extremely grateful.

To the Department Commander I wish to express my sincere thanks for the honor he conferred on me and for the whole-hearted assistance he has rendered, without which I am afraid I would not have been able to do what little I have done.

I cannot bring this report to a close without paying tribute to the Comrade who has guided this Department for the last two years. In Maurice Simmons we have had a man whose integrity cannot be doubted, a man who has considered the duties of his office sacred, and whose one object has been to serve us and make our Order respected throughout the State, and I trust that it will not be long before we will again have the benefit of his leadership, not in this Department alone but at the head of the whole organization.

(Signed) MALCOLM C. FRASER,

Department Historian.

COMRADE GREENBAUM:

I move, sir, that the report of the Department Historian be accepted and spread on the minutes.

COMRADE LYNT:

Second the motion. (Carried.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

We have an encampment close by, of that portion of the Order which makes life worth living, and it will be the duty of this Encampment to present its greetings to the Ladies' Auxiliary, and for that purpose I will now ask to present themselves before my station, the following committee, who will present the greetings of this Encampment to the Ladies' Auxiliary, and extend formal invitation to the ladies to visit us. Ladies' Greetings Committee: Garret V. Johnson, chairman; T. J. Murray, Ralph Parker.

We will listen to the report of the Department Inspector, who is unavoidably absent, and I will call for its reading by Comrade C. E. Haller, of Buffalo, Past Assistant Adjutant-General.

Report of the Department Inspector.

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y., August 1, 1910.

*To the Department Encampment, Department of New York,
United Spanish War Veterans:*

COMRADES.—A year ago you honored me by re-election to the office of Department Inspector, and not unconscious but deeply appreciative thereof, I thank you for the confidence reposed in me. The duties of the position have at times been hard on me, and had it not been for the assistance of several loyal Comrades throughout the Department, I fear my report would not have been as thorough as you might have wished. The services rendered are duly appreciated, and through my assistants the Department has been most carefully inspected. Of eighty Camps in the Department, all but sixteen have been visited.

The matters specifically referred to in my report to the last Encampment, viz.: memorization of Ritual; bonding of Quartermasters, and banking of Camp funds have been generally improved, although some Camps still exhibit a desire to ignore the Rules and Regulations. A Quartermaster of one Camp, who is a Past Commander thereof, and also a Past Department Inspector, said at the inspection of his Camp, when the lack of a seal was commented upon, "the purchase of a seal would be a useless and unnecessary expense." No consideration for Rules and Regulations is here shown—just the narrow views of one Comrade. The depleted condition of the treasury of this Camp is probably the reason why the seal has not been procured. The Camp needs sympathy, not criticism.

The following Camps show non-memorization of ritual at inspection: Barber No. 3, Decker No. 20, New York City No. 23, H. W. Hubbell No. 24, Overton No. 29, Neptune Naval No. 30, Griffin Engineers No. 31, H. J. Reilly No. 34, Defendiam No. 36, Guy V. Henry No. 38, Porter No. 45, Hamilton Fish No. 46, Carlisle No. 56, Capron No. 60, McCalla No. 65, Tully No. 72, Johnston No. 74, New Utrecht No. 77, Rafferty No. 80, Coghlan No. 82, Lockport No. 83, Philippine No. 87, Esmond No. 88, a total of 23 Camps.

Reported "partly" or "fair," 17.

Twenty Camps report "Quartermaster not bonded."

Eighteen Camps report "funds not in bank."

Of an aggregate membership of 5,432, 4,754 were reported in good standing, and about 1,600 officers and Comrades were present at inspections, of which number 429 were in uniform. Two hundred and fifty-five recruits were mustered in at inspections, or reported so to have been since January 1st. Twenty-four are without seals.

Seven Camps showed liabilities aggregating \$550. In some instances this was for per capita tax only.

The following Camps are reported "Excellent:" 1, 4, 10, 11, 12, 14, 19, 21, 28, 48, 49, 58, 59, 73, 84, 85; total, 16.

The following Camps are reported "Very Good:" 2, 6, 8, 16, 17, 18, 20, 22, 38, 44, 46, 80; total, 12.

The following Camps are reported "Good:" 3, 5, 9, 15, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 34, 36, 37, 43, 45, 53, 56, 63, 65, 66, 72, 78, 82, 83, 88; total, 28.

The following Camps are reported "Fair:" 7, 60, 68, 74, 79, 86; total, 6.

"Very Poor," No. 77; "Bad," No. 87; total, 2.

From a close inspection of the reports, the following items may be considered defects in the several Camps:

M. D. Russell No. 2, Troy.

Seventy dollars and ninety-six cents in treasury; liabilities of \$78; no seal. Of eighty-four members in good standing but eleven present at inspection (due to a social event the evening of inspection).

Gloucester No. 5, Brooklyn.

Fifteen of seventy-five members present at inspection.

Niagara Falls No. 7, Niagara Falls.

Seven of a membership of seventy present; only the Commander knows the ritual. Dr. Grant says, "Conditions fair, prospects good, with a little more esprit de corps. While the Camp has good material, most of the members are engaged in business and there is general lack of interest."

Fourteenth Regiment, No. 14, Brooklyn.

Owed per capita tax at time of inspection, April 15, 1910. Officers only partly know their work. This is the weakest part of the work of the Camp. Inspected by Comrade Larkin.

Bucky O'Neil No. 15, Buffalo.

Dr. Grant says in his report: "Condition of Camp fair. Not room enough for impressive work. It would be better to consolidate with another Camp; but members are opposed to it."

Old Guard No. 19, New York.

Inspected by Comrade Beckhardt on March 10th. At the time of inspection per capita tax had not been paid. Has \$18.25 in treasury. But twenty-seven of one hundred and ninety-seven members present at inspection.

Decker No. 20, Staten Island.

Poor ritualistic work. Camp depends on Comrade Oates entirely.

New York City No. 23, New York.

Poor attendance at meetings. Officers do not know their work. (Beckhardt.)

H. W. Hubbell No. 24, New York.

Officer of the Day only one who knows ritual. Not a uniformed Camp. (Beckhardt.)

Griffin Engineers No. 31, New York.

Officers do not know ritual. Eighteen of fifty-one members present. \$5.55 in treasury. A recent change in this Camp will prove beneficial.

Hamilton Fish No. 46, New York.

Officers are absolutely ignorant of ritual. For a Camp as active and enthusiastic as this a better showing should have been made.

Major Frank Keck No. 53, New York.

Seems to be affected with sleeping sickness. Enthusiasm lacking. Ritual not memorized. Hard to obtain a quorum.

Sanger No. 57, Ogdensburg.

Department Junior Vice-Commander Culkin received a letter from Adjutant Palmer of this Camp, advising against the expense of a trip from Oswego to Ogdensburg, as Camp was not in condition for inspection.

Searles No. 67, Flushing.

Inspected by Comrade Simpson on May 6th. Camp is existing practically on paper. Members are unenthusiastic, and Camp is going through a period of stagnation. Has high class of members, and should be successful, meeting in Armory rent free.

J. J. Tully No. 72, Corning.

Inspected by P. D. C. Simmons on September 9, 1909. "Camp has been negative. Instructed."

D. J. Johnston No. 74, Cohoes.

Has property valued at \$300, and liabilities of \$160, with \$22 in bank. Twenty-two members suspended for nonpayment of dues. Three members and two officers present at inspection out of fifty-two members in good standing. No uniforms. No recruits mustered in since January 1st. Assistance might avail.

New Utrecht No. 77, Brooklyn.

Comrade Mendelsohn reports: "Not enough U. S. W. V. in the vicinity to warrant the existence of a Camp, and some of the members have moved out of the locality and do not attend meetings. Not enough members present to fill the chairs. Membership less than at muster fifteen months ago."

Colonel J. G. Butler No. 86, Syracuse.

Inspected by Comrade Liddell. "Officers have fair knowledge of ritual. Quartermaster not bonded. General conditions fair. Prospects bright. Members do not take proper interest. As the Camp is comparatively new it will doubtless improve."

Philippine No. 87, New York.

A total loss. No gain in membership since muster in on January 15th. But four members present at inspection, and it was neces-

sary to call twice to make the inspection. No system, books or anything else. The Camp is hopeless. Must be merged with some live Camp to save members to the order.

Your attention is invited to the recruiting prize offered by Comrade Beckhardt in the second inspection district, which had been assigned him. He offered an emblematic watch fob to the Commander securing the greatest number of recruits between certain dates, and as a result of the offer, twenty-eight men were mustered into these six Camps. Comrade Beckhardt should be complimented upon the successful outcome of his venture. He deserves the praise of the Department.

The inactivity, lack of funds, and failure to procure new members, in some Camps, leads to the conclusion that the best thing for them to do would be to consolidate with Camps nearest them. It is hoped that the incoming administration will deal with this matter.

In conclusion, my heartfelt thanks are expressed to Comrades Keithley, Beckhardt, Geiersberg, Olivier, Kyle, Culkin, Grant, Haller and Larkin, who, by their unselfish labors have made possible the inspection just completed.

Fraternally submitted,

(Signed) FRANK D. LAKESTREAM,
Department Inspector.

COMRADE COURT:

I move that the report takes the usual course.

COMRADE STEVENS:

I second the motion. (Carried.)

COMRADE JOHNSON:

Commander, your committee had the pleasure of obeying your orders, and extending to the Ladies' Auxiliary the congratulations and good wishes of this Department. We were received very hospitably, and our greetings accepted in the spirit in which they were sent.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The committee is discharged with thanks. We will now listen to the report of the Department Judge-Advocate, Comrade James F. Court, of New York.

Report of Department Judge-Advocate.

SARATOGA SPRINGS, *August 1, 2, 3, 1910.*

This report shall be limited to a summary of the adjudications by the Judge-Advocate on questions propounded to him during his official term, in regard to the construction of certain Rules and Regulations of the Order.

1. Is loss of time by a Department Inspector in the discharge of his official duties a proper subject of reimbursement and charge against the Order? Under sections 7, 8 and 9 of article 6 of the Rules and Regulations, it is not.

2. Under section 3 of article 9, Rules and Regulations, and page 8 of Book of Ceremonies, an officer of the Order need be addressed by his official title only, without the prefix of "Comrade."

3. A request as to the location and manner of entry of a home by a disabled Comrade was answered by suggesting the writing to Major James W. Wadsworth, President of Board of Managers for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, 346 Broadway, New York city, and to the secretary of this Board, Colonel W. P. Brownlow, Jonesboro, Tenn.

4. Under section 16, article 7, any Comrade who received from his Camp relief money as a loan, with the understanding that it shall be repaid to the Camp, is not entitled to a transfer card from his Camp; but if he receive relief money as a gift from his Camp, and no charges exist against him and he has paid all dues to his Camp, he is entitled to a transfer card.

5. May a Camp elect one Comrade to hold two offices simultaneously? There is nothing in the Rules and Regulations forbidding it, except such as may exist from the nature of the duties of the offices themselves. Thus, a Comrade could not consistently hold at the same time the offices of Commander and Vice-Commander, because he could not take his own place when he is absent or otherwise disabled from presiding; but a Chaplain may consistently hold the additional office of a trustee at the same time, because the duties of the two offices do not conflict. Under section 15, article 8, however, each Camp may enact its own by-laws, provided they do not conflict with the Rules, Regulations or Orders of the National or Department organization; and if a Camp desires to limit one office to one man, it has the power so to do.

7. Should an investigating committee on applications for membership of a Camp be a standing or a special committee? It may be either one.

7. May a Camp Commander remove at will his Adjutant or his Quartermaster? Yes.

8. May a person who is otherwise eligible for membership in our Order, but who has lost his discharge papers, be elected a member? He can be elected only on presentation with his application to a Camp of his honorable discharge or a certificate of service, as provided in section 3 of article 7, Rules and Regulations.

9. If a Comrade's membership be suspended, he is liable for dues down to the date of his suspension, but not thereafter. His liability for dues resumes from the date of his re-instatement.

10. In third class cities \$300 are allowed for Memorial Day to United Spanish War Veterans and G. A. R. Veterans. Cities of the third class are those with a population of less than 50,000. The amount allowed is spent under the direction of the mayor, president of the common council, the Commanders and Quartermasters of the Camps and Posts. See article 2, sections 12 and 13, of chapter 21 of the Consolidated Laws of 1909, known as the General City Law, as amended by chapter 288 of the Laws of 1909.

11. Under section 2 of article 3, as amended at the National Encampment of 1907, no person who is eligible for active membership may become an honorary member of the order.

12. A county council, a borough council, or any executive and memorial committee of a county or borough may approve of the candidacy of any Comrade for any National or Departmental office. There is nothing in the Rules and Regulations which forbids its either approving or opposing such candidacy.

13. Under section 16, article 7, of the Rules and Regulations, a Comrade must be denied an application for a transfer card while charges exist against him, and his dues continue to accrue after such application and denial. But if a Comrade be square on the books of his Camp, it is bound to give him a transfer on application.

14. An officer who was obliged to sign any paper during his official incumbency may sign the same, as of the date he should have signed it, even after the expiration of his official term.

17. Every proposed member of a Camp must, under section 3 of article 7 of the Rules and Regulations, be properly identified as an honorably discharged Spanish War Veteran, and as the person he represents himself to be, before he may be legally elected as a member of the order. Subdivisions b and c of section 1, of article 10, Rules and Regulations, are violated by noncompliance with this provision, for which, in section 2 of said article 10, the penalties are provided.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) JAMES F. COURT,
Department Judge-Advocate.

COMRADE FLOOD:

I move that the report of the Department Judge-Advocate be received and spread upon the minutes.

COMRADE MORRIS:

I second the motion. (Carried.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

At this juncture, I shall announce the appointment of the following committees:

State of the Organization.—Anthony J. Griffin, Chairman; T. J. O'Donnell, William J. Cunningham, Frederick Woodhull, T. J. McCarthy.

Rules and Regulations.—James F. Court, Chairman; Timothy J. Dinan, Clayton J. Morse, Francis D. Culkin, Emil Wohler.

Appeals and Grievances.—Torrey A. Ball, Chairman; L. J. Pettersen, W. F. Barber, A. J. Tooker, J. L. Hicks.

Finance Committee.—Emil Wohler, Chairman; John L. Dunn, William G. Vance, Andrew Rheude, A. E. Luzzi.

Prize Committee.—William F. Morgan, Chairman; Charles V. Stevens, William A. Flett, Fred B. Bardes.

It is my pleasure to announce that there is traveling on the way to this Encampment the Commander-in-Chief of the National Organization from Wakefield, Mass., Colonel Edward J. Gihon, and there is also traveling to-day from Hartford, Conn., to greet you, Past Commander-in-Chief, Charles W. Newton, and, in order properly to receive them, I appoint as a committee to receive the Com-

mander-in-Chief and Past Commander-in-Chief Newton: Daniel J. Murphy, Chairman; William Dunney, W. J. Anderson, A. J. Schneidenbach,

We will now listen to the report of the Department Surgeon.

Report of Department Surgeon Garrett V. Johnson.

COMMANDER AND COMRADES.—I have no written report. I have made some official visits under the direction of the Department Commander within my immediate neighborhood. I have had some communications with the Camp Surgeons, as near as I can find out who they were, and endeavored in some way to find out what they were doing and what appeared to be their idea of what should be done along this line. We are peculiarly situated in regard to the duties of the Department Surgeon, not being able to find much of anything to do in the Department. I have attended all sick and disabled Comrades as I have found them. A few of the Comrades have called upon me for medical advice, but further than that and the pleasure which I had in acting upon the staff of the Department Commander in stimulating the activity of the Camps in the neighborhood, I have nothing further to suggest, nor special recommendations to make.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

If there is no objection, the report of the Department Surgeon will be accepted and spread upon the minutes of the Encampment.

DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT:

The question has been raised as to whether a Comrade who is a National Officer is entitled to a credential.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

That is to be determined by the Rules and Regulations.

I will call for the reports of the special committees. We have with us the chairman of the Coghlan Memorial Committee, Past Surgeon-General John H. Grant, of Buffalo.

Report of Coghlan Memorial Committee.

July 30, 1910.

Report of the Memorial Committee appointed to solicit contributions for, and arrange a suitable memorial to the memory of the late Department Commander, Rear Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan, U. S. N.:

COMRADE E. W. LARKIN, *Adjutant, Department of New York, U. S. W. V., Saratoga Springs, N. Y.*:

SIR.—Upon receipt early in January, 1910, of a copy of paragraph V; General Orders No. 3, December 30, 1910, a copy of which is hereto attached marked "A" showing names of members of the Committee, the chairman started the work of organizing the Committee and setting matters in motion to secure contributions. As it was manifestly impracticable to have the Committee meet as a whole, letters were prepared and sent to each member of the Committee on February 1st, outlining the work and requesting such member to visit camps in their neighborhood and individuals and present the matter of substantial contributions (see copy of letter hereto appended marked "B").

Another letter was prepared at the same time and sent to about one hundred prominent naval officers and to prominent persons, likely to take an interest in the undertaking (see letter attached marked "C").

Pay Director W. W. Galt, U. S. N., stationed at Norfolk, Va., about this time wrote to the chairman offering his services to assist in any way and furnished a list of officers who served with the then Captain Coghlan, on the Raleigh in the battle of Manila Bay. Pay Director Galt, was authorized to accept donations of money from naval officers and others and up to date has reported receipts amounting to \$45.

Notices were also prepared and sent to service papers, and the Army and Navy Register, the Army and Navy Journal, the New York Herald and the New York World very kindly inserted the notices and several contributions from admirers of the Admiral were received through this source.

The Chairman regrets to say that with some honorable exceptions, but few of the members of the Committee took any interest,

so far as known, in their duties as committeemen, and but few had the courtesy to acknowledge or report any action in response to the letters sent them. Many of the Camps in the Department, in fact a majority of them, have at the date of this report failed to make any contribution or evidenced any interest in the matter. This may perhaps be remedied by their delegates attending the Department Encampment and it is hoped sincerely by the Chairman that it may be so. Up to the time of writing this report, but 21 Camps have contributed to this fund. Wm. R. Carmer Camp No. 8, Mount Vernon, had the honor to be the first Camp making a contribution, followed closely by Seyburn-Liscum Camp of Buffalo, the latter having the distinction of making the second largest contribution; the largest contribution being from Old Guard Camp No. 19 of New York City.

A detailed list of receipts and of disbursements are attached marked "D" and "E" respectively.

The Chairman has deposited to his credit as Chairman, the sum of \$438.85 in the Commonwealth Trust Company of Buffalo, which sum is subject to your further order.

I have been recently informed by the Chairman of Ladies' Committee of the Department Auxiliary of the United Spanish War Veterans, Mrs. Ray L. Dyas, that these ladies expect to have a few dollars to present to the Memorial Committee at Saratoga. The thanks of the Department Encampment is due our Auxiliary for their patriotic contribution, be it large or small it shows the true spirit.

In conclusion, it is recommended that the Memorial Committee's labors be continued for another year in the hope that the fund may be substantially enlarged to erect a fitting monument as a lasting memorial in honor of a gracious personality and a great seaman, whom we all loved and respected.

The Chairman acknowledges the co-operation and support given him at all times by Department Commander Maurice Simmons, the Department Adjutant, Comrade E. W. Larkin, and last but not least to the energetic work of our Department Chaplain, the Rev. Father William H. I. Reaney.

It is with heartfelt regret that this report cannot be closed without the mention of the unexpected death at San Francisco,

on July 14, 1910, of Mrs. Julia B. Coghlan, the widow of our lamented departed Comrade Admiral Coghlan. Mrs. Coghlan, had very much to heart the project of a memorial worthy of her distinguished husband, and it was her earnest desire that his Comrades of the Department of New York should inaugurate and carry to a successful consummation the loving task of providing a suitable memorial.

Respectfully submitted for the Admiral Coghlan Memorial Committee,

(Signed) JOHN H. GRANT,
Chairman.

APPENDIX "A."

Extract from General Order No. 3, Series 1909-1910.

COGHLAN MEMORIAL DETAIL.

Past Surgeon-General John H. Grant, Chairman, 716 Mutual Life building, Buffalo.

Past Commander-in-Chief Hamilton Ward.

Past Chaplain-in-Chief William H. I. Reaney.

Past Department Commander Charles A. Simmons.

Past Department Commander Frank Keck.

Senior Vice-Commander William J. Cunningham.

Junior Vice-Commander Francis D. Culkin.

James F. Court, Chairman Manhattan Borough Council.

Wm. Macauley, Chairman Memorial and Executive Committee of Brooklyn.

F. C. Kuehnle, Chairman Bronx Borough Council.

A. J. Kennedy, Chairman Queens Borough Council.

John T. Oates, Chairman Richmond Borough Council.

The Chairman of Westchester District Board.

The Chairman of the Buffalo Joint City Board.

Camp No.

1. W. E. Downs.

2. John P. Treanor.

3. William Hunt.

6. James W. Robb.

8. Wesley Bryde.

9. R. S. Hall, Jr.

16. Jas. McCullough.

19. Daniel J. Murphy.

22. Wm. F. Morgan.

25. Wm. B. Zimmer.

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| 32. A. E. McIntyre. | 56. C. D. Carter. |
| 36. W. B. Hotchkin. | 58. Wm. H. Waterbury. |
| 38. Jas. H. Cooke. | 59. F. D. Lakestream. |
| 39. Geo. W. Nellis. | 61. Paul Vandervelde. |
| 43. Geo. K. Cox. | 78. Wm. J. Wilkes. |
| 44. John A. Sorg. | 82. Wm. A. Reardon. |
| 45. Albert Gilbert. | 83. Chas. Rignal. |
| 46. Jos. De Souza. | 84. Oscar Seder. |
| 52. Christopher Monahan. | 85. John Schiller. |
| 53. Henry C. H. Stewart. | |

The foregoing detail is made pursuant to action of the Sixth Department Encampment, authorizing the appointment of a Committee for the Collection of Funds. Naval officers and other bodies have deferred the matter of the erection of a memorial to Past Department Commander Joseph B. Coghlan, late Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy, to the Spanish War Veterans, as their peculiar and exclusive privilege. Let us rise to the highest plane of this labor of love in memory of the heroic dead.

APPENDIX "B."

Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan Memorial Committee.

BUFFALO, N. Y., February 1, 1910.

Comrade

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After consultation with the Department Commander it has been decided impracticable to have the Committee meet as a whole. The work will have to be performed largely through correspondence and reference. You are hereby appointed to visit Camps as soon as practicable in your immediate neighborhood and present the matter of a substantial contribution according to the means and strength of the Camp, and collect from said Camp the amount contributed, forwarding the same at once to the Chairman by express or postal money order, giving the name and number of the Camp so it may have proper credit. Contributions may also be received from individuals to be forwarded in like manner. As our late Comrade, Admiral Coghlan, was

also a civil war veteran, it would seem appropriate to ask the Grand Army Posts in your neighborhood to share in this patriotic work. There must be those who have many memories of the Admiral's gracious personality and would be glad to share in this honor to the memory of a great seaman.

Please keep in touch with the Chairman and report what you are doing and have done—the burden will be upon the Chairman. But it is a labor of patriotic love, and he expects every one of the Committee to put his best foot forward in this work.

Until we know what the contributions will amount to, it is impossible to say now what the nature of the memorial will be, but suggestions from the members of the Committee will be thankfully received.

The names of all Camps and others contributing will be carefully recorded and sent to the Department Commander for notice in Department General Orders.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN H. GRANT,
Chairman.

APPENDIX "C."

Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan Memorial Committee.

BUFFALO, N. Y., February 1, 1910.

SIR.—The Department of New York, United Spanish War Veterans, has undertaken by voluntary donations of money from the Camps and from individuals to provide a fitting memorial to their late Past Department Commander, Rear Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan, U. S. N., retired. This undertaking has the approval of Mrs. Coghlan. There must be those among the late Admiral's fellow officers and friends who would gladly contribute their mite to this patriotic work to honor the memory of a gracious personality and a great seaman.

Contributions may be sent directly to the undersigned, or to Pay Director Wm. W. Galt, U. S. N., Norfolk, Virginia.

Respectfully,

JOHN M. GRANT, M.D.,
Chairman of Committee.

APPENDIX "D."

Contributions received by Dr. John H. Grant, Chairman of the Admiral Coghlan Memorial Committee toward a memorial:

1910.

Jan.	18.	"A Seaman," check for \$10, National Shawmut Bank, Boston, Mass.....	\$10 00
Feb.	15.	Surgeon E. H. Marsteller, U. S. Navy, retired, Sheepshead Bay, L. I., check.....	5 00
	24.	Capt. R. T. Hall, U. S. N., New York.....	10 00
	25.	Charles A. Orr, Commander Chapin Post No. 2, of Buffalo, G. A. R.....	2 00
March	15.	Comrade Leroy A. White, Rome, N. Y.....	1 00
	19.	Wm. R. Carmer Camp No. 8, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.....	10 00
	19.	Department Commander Maurice Simmons, U. S. W. V.	5 00
	21.	Seyburn-Liscum Camp No. 12, U. S. W. V., Buffalo....	20 00
	22.	Past Surgeon-General John H. Grant, U. S. W. V....	2 00
April	2.	H. W. Spangler, Univ. Pa., Philadelphia, Pa.....	5 00
	8.	Thos. H. Barry Camp No. 73, U. S. W. V., Brooklyn..	5 00
	8.	F. L. Sawyer, through Father Reaney.....	10 00
	8.	Adolph J. Jentzen, through Father Reaney.....	5 00
	11.	Admiral Sampson Camp No. 48, Dept. of N. Y.....	5 00
	11.	Niagara Falls Camp No. 7, U. S. W. V.....	5 00
	14.	Frank Palmer Camp 28, Albany.....	5 00
	18.	Rear Admiral Edw. B. Barry, U. S. N., Mare Island, Cal.	5 00
	20.	Manhattan Camp No. 1, U. S. W. V., New York.....	10 00
	20.	Jos. S. Decker Camp No. 20, Stapleton, N. Y.....	1 55
	23.	Jos. S. Decker Camp No. 20, Stapleton, N. Y.....	2 10
	25.	Naval Camp No. 49, U. S. W. V., Brooklyn.....	10 00
May	4.	Several Comrades, Keek Camp No. 53, through Comrade Stewart	5 00
	12.	Sergt. Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46, N. Y.....	3 00
	18.	David Wilson Camp No. 59, N. Y.....	3 00
	21.	Thos. H. Fitzgerald No. 79, White Plains.....	3 00
	21.	Gen. Guy V. Henry Camp No. 38, New York.....	10 00
	23.	Twenty-two members crew U. S. S. "Rhode Island," through Chaplain Reaney.....	16 25
	24.	F. C. Warner Camp No. 52, Ilion, N. Y.....	5 00
	24.	From several Navy Comrades, through Department Chaplain Reaney:	
		U. S. S. "Kansas".....	\$50 35
		U. S. S. "Yankton"	12 00
		U. S. S. "Panther"	25 00
		U. S. S. "Mississippi"	56 75
		U. S. S. "New Hampshire".....	19 00
		U. S. S. "Idaho"	5 00
		Miscellaneous from Navy.....	3 20

1910

June	16.	From Capt. Louis W. Emilio, U. S. V., through Comrade Stewart.....	\$1 00
	17.	Capt. Wm. Winder, U. S. N., through Pay Director Galt	5 00
	17.	Capt. Benj. Tappan, U. S. N., through Pay Director Galt	5 00
	17.	Rear Admiral W. H. Reeder, U. S. N., through Pay Director Galt	10 00
	17.	Commander A. S. Halstead, U. S. N., through Pay Director Galt	5 00
	17.	Pay Director Wm. W. Galt, U. S. N.....	5 00
	17.	Pay Director J. N. Speel, U. S. N., through Pay Director Galt	5 00
	17.	Chief Boatswain E. J. Norcott, U. S. A., through Pay-Director Wm. W. Galt, U. S. N.....	5 00
	24.	Defendam Camp No. 36, New York, N. Y.....	10 00
July	11.	Maj. Ivan Tailor, through C. H. Stewart.....	1 00
	14.	Col. Walter Scott Camp No. 42, Oneonta, N. Y.....	2 00
	14.	Maj. John K. Sague Camp No. 44, Poughkeepsie.....	5 00
	14.	Col. E. S. Cornell, through H. C. H. Stewart.....	1 00
	16.	Old Guard Camp No. 19, U. S. W. V., New York.....	25 00
	27.	Wm. McKinley Camp No. 62, U. S. W. V., Brooklyn..	5 00
	28.	Gen. J. Fred Pierson, U. S. V., through Comrade H C. H. Stewart.....	2 00
Aug.	1.	Capron Camp No. 22, Brooklyn.....	3 00
	1	Wm. F. Morgan, of Capron Camp No. 22.....	2 00
Total			\$452 20
Disbursements (see next page).....			14 17
Balance on hand.....			\$438 03
Per bank book.....			438 85
Cash			5 18
			<u>\$443 03</u>

APPENDIX "E."

Expenses incurred by John H. Grant, Chairman Admiral Coghlan Memorial Committee:

1910.

Feb.	3.	Postage purchased	\$0 30
	5.	Postage purchased	50
	8.	Postage purchased	50
	4.	R. H. Connor & Co., printing and envelopes.....	9 75
	21.	Postage purchased	1 00
March	8.	Postal cards purchased.....	25

1910		
April	11. Postal cards purchased.....	\$0 12
	14. Postage stamps purchased.....	1 00
July	30. Typewriting two copies Annual Report.....	75
Total		<u>\$14 17</u>

COMRADE VANCE:

I move that the report be accepted and placed upon the minutes.

COMRADE SWARTWOOD:

Second the motion. (Carried.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

This report will be referred to the Finance Committee, and Comrade Grant is requested to meet the Finance Committee as soon as this session closes. Comrades, the work of the Coghlan Memorial Committee has been arduous and self-sacrificing. It reveals that most of the contributions have been collected by a pay director in the Navy and by a member of this Department who is absent on sea duty, and it is a shame to have it reported that only twenty-one Camps of our Department have thus far contributed to a fund to erect a memorial to the distinguished Admiral who died almost in harness as a Past Department Commander.

Department Adjutant, will you deliver to Comrade Court, Chairman of the Rules and Regulations Committee, all the material affecting revision?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Comrade Stephens of the Uniform Committee, will render a report, in the absence of the Chairman.

Report of Uniform Committee.

August 1, 1910.

A meeting was called by Chairman Berger for March 26, 1910, at 8 P. M., in the room of Company C, 71st Regiment, N. Y. N. G. Comrade Dinan and Comrade Stephens being present in addition to the Chairman.

The plan to buy uniforms on the installment plan, offered by Comrade Stephens, was indorsed.

The question of overcoats was discussed, and Comrade Dinan pointed out the necessity of overcoats, as the uniform with civilian overcoat gives the wearer a very unmilitary appearance.

The wearing of badges came up next for discussion, and the committee recommends that only the badge of the order, with one rank strap — that of the highest office held by the wearer — should be allowed to be worn on all official occasions, together with such badges as each Comrade may be entitled to wear on account of his services during the war, but that all other badges or medals be forbidden.

All information regarding the installment purchase plan of uniforms by Camps will gladly be furnished by Comrade Dinan or Comrade Stephens.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) CHARLES H. STEPHENS,
Secretary to the Committee.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The report of the Committee on Poor Law Administration will be read by Adjutant Larkin.

Report of Committee on Poor Law Administration.

Department Commander, Officers and Comrades:

The Committee on Poor Law Administration appointed by the Commander May 23, 1910, General Order No. 6, c. s., for the purpose of devising ways and means for the proper disbursement of the public funds to indigent and deserving veterans of the War with Spain, their widows and dependents as provided for by chapter 102, Laws of 1910, beg leave to report as follows:

A careful investigation of the methods now in vogue throughout the State by the Grand Army of the Republic, under whose direction the disbursement of similar funds has been effected up to the present, shows a varied and complicated method of administration.

From several parts of the State reports have been filed to the effect that there has been established under the supposed provisions of the old law a weekly pension roll from which permanent and continuous payments have been made to those applying for relief. Inasmuch as a precedent has been established by the elder organ-

ization, the wisdom of a like course by the Camps of our organization is a matter to be decided chiefly by the Camps located within the territory wherein such proceedings have already been established.

Your committee has striven to the best of its ability to secure all blank forms, requisitions and the like as have been in use by the Grand Army of the Republic for like purposes.

The committee from close observation of certain existing conditions finds that it will be necessary to impress forcibly upon the minds of many of the Comrades throughout the State the need of a careful conception of the provisions of the law; firstly, that the moneys appropriated are not for the purpose of paying a continuous sick benefit to members of the Order, their widows or dependents, but mainly to provide for those who through sickness or distress have become incapable of being self-sustaining; secondly, those Comrades who constitute the relief committees of Camps or of bodies provided for by the statute should bear in mind that their duties are to be more than perfunctory ones, and that their investigation of applications for relief will be far different from the usual Camp investigation, inasmuch as if upon investigation it is later found that false reports have been filed by said committee the statute provides drastic legal action as a penalty.

In conclusion, your committee recommends that all Camps in the various cities of the State containing less than one hundred thousand inhabitants make preparation to organize or merge with a committee representing the Grand Army of the Republic so that the disbursement of relief be jointly made as provided by statute.

In the various boroughs of Greater New York your committee recommends that the disbursement of relief be centralized in the Memorial and Executive Committees, and that the treasurer of said committee be constituted an almoner for the said purpose, this suggestion being made owing to the fact that the Comptroller and Commissioner of Charities are under the impression that a centralization of the disbursements will be of more actual benefit to both the disbursor and disbursees.

The committee regrets that a more voluminous report cannot at present be submitted owing to the fact that of the twenty-six Comrades recorded as members of the committee but eight have en-

deavored to secure the information requested by the chairman in his communications to them.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. J. S. DINEEN,

Chairman.

COMRADE WOODHULL:

I move that the report be received and spread on the minutes.

COMRADE GILBERT:

I second the motion. (Carried.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The Committee on Special Department Affairs, Comrade Bernhardt Wall, of Manhattan Camp No. 1, Chairman, will render its report.

Report of Maine Memorial Committee.

SARATOGA SPRINGS, August 1, 1910.

Department Commander and Comrades:

Last year the Department Encampment held at Oswego adopted a resolution, in which Congress was asked to raise the Maine and give decent burial to those whose bones still were entombed in the hulk. This resolution was forwarded to Tacoma, where the National Encampment was held later and it was adopted.

In accordance with the high principles of our patriotic Order in holding sacred and dear all that touches the sacrifices made during our war, revering the memory of the noble dead and enlivening the spirit of patriotism on occasion, Chairman Court of Manhattan Borough Council appointed a committee to make such arrangements as would be fitting to commemorate the awful event that brought the Maine into history forever. The committee was as follows: Bernhardt Wall, chairman; John S. Adair, secretary-treasurer; John P. Devane, A. H. Aschemoor, Leon Greenbaum, Arthur Fairlamb, Thomas Regan and Axel J. Swenson.

At annual Encampments the Maine would be remembered, and the committee at the outset decided to strike a keynote at this service by making it superior in every way, and bringing together

the greatest lights connected with the Maine in 1898 and since. Everything was done to make the service pre-eminently popular, and make such a showing as to impress both press and public.

After three months of strenuous endeavor, the Maine Memorial Services were held at Carnegie Hall February 20th at 2:30 p. m. One thousand five hundred Comrades assembled at the 12th Regiment Armory, whence they paraded to the hall. The boxes were filled, and many notable personages were present therein, as well as on the platform.

The presiding chairman on this occasion was former Ambassador to Great Britain, Hon. Joseph H. Choate, whose remarks were mainly directed to the great growth of the country in every way as outcome of the Spanish-American War. Father John P. Chidwick, the late chaplain of the Maine, told, as never before, the awful tale of that February night. Rear Admiral Sigsbee spoke on the work of the Maine Monument Association, the purpose of which was the collection of funds to rear a monument over the graves of the Maine dead at Arlington. Hon. William Sulzer in a speech went over the legislative features surrounding the disposition of the Maine. He had been fighting for eight years to have the Maine raised, which was to be left to this last Congress to enact into a law. Both it and the press of the country were sufficiently aroused to encompass the long desired result. Toward the end of the services, Department Commander Simmons read a resolution, calling for the raising of the Maine and the decent interment of her dead, which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote. The committee had it printed, and a copy sent to each senator and congressman. The chairman went to Washington to personally present the copy of this resolution to President Taft, Vice-President Sherman and Secretary of Navy Von Meyer. All assured him that the Maine should be raised. Many senators and congressmen made like utterances, and the final result bore out the first hopes of the committee.

It may be of interest to the delegates to learn that the father of the bill which was passed by Congress is a Comrade of the Order, and is no other than Hon. Geo. A. Loud of Michigan. The bill passed the House by a vote of 115 to 4 on March 23d, the Senate

passing it unanimously on May 4th. The President signed it on May 9th, and I would like to include a copy of the letter which follows:

WASHINGTON, D. C., *May 9, 1910.*

Mr. BERNHARDT WALL, 1869 *Bathgate Avenue, New York City:*

My Dear Mr. Wall.—The President signed, this morning, our bill to raise the wreck of the *Maine*, and presented me with the pen and holder which finally consummated this patriotic legislation into a law. The work will now proceed diligently. The *Maine* will be raised. The sixty-three bodies of the heroic sailors entombed in the hulk will be brought to Arlington and buried with naval honors, and the world will soon know whether the *Maine* was destroyed from within or without.

I know you will be glad to hear the good news, and no one is entitled to more credit and commendation for the consummation of this patriotic undertaking than yourself.

With best wishes, believe me,

Sincerely your friend,

(Signed) WILLIAM SULZER.

On June 17th Congress passed a bill appropriating an additional \$200,000 to prosecute the work. This assures the raising of the *Maine*. I have tried to be brief. The correspondence entailing the work enunciated in the foregoing would fill volumes. I have given you a resumé only of the activities of the committee up to date.

The Order can well ponder over the foregoing and profit thereby. The injection of the Order into affairs impersonal and of general interest to the country or community can always bring us the applause of the press and public. To prove that we can sacrifice in times of peace as well as in war will insure the same generous outburst of approval as when we went to the front. The Order should feel a sense of pride in being able to kindle a sentiment that compels congressional action. The Order should feel especially

gratified at the stand of the press and the voicing of kindlier sentiments in its columns.

In short, we remembered the Maine in 1910 as well as in 1898.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) BERNHARDT WALL,

Chairman.

Report of Roosevelt Reception Committee.

SARATOGA SPRINGS, *August 1, 1910.*

Department Commander and Comrades:

When Mayor Gaynor of New York City selected the 250 citizens who were to constitute the Reception Committee which was to greet our Comrade, Colonel Roosevelt, upon his return to his native land, our Order was distinctly honored in being represented on said committee by our Department Commander Simmons. Men of all religions and political creeds, of all social strata, of all professions and callings, of eminent financial standing, were chosen for the committee. The individuality of all was to be merged into a general whole to make the greeting generous and general.

Commander Simmons appointed a committee of the following to make proper arrangements for U. S. W. V. representation in any program that might be decided on: Bernhardt Wall, chairman; Wm. H. Johnson, vice-chairman; Frank D. Lakestream, secretary; John S. Adair, chairman Santiago Mess Detail; A. L. Beckhardt, John T. Oates, Joseph Kaiser, Emil Wohler, Frederick C. Kuehnle, William E. Downs, Carl R. Hexamer, William Macaulley, Fred A. McCarthy, John Daly, John P. Devane, James P. Rowan, William Dunney, Walter Anderson, A. H. Aschemoor, William S. Styles, Chas. W. Robertson, Al. Francke, James S. Long, Chas. H. Stephens, Robert Flinch and Bernard J. Fagan. An advisory committee of the most prominent and active members of our Order were added.

The matter of financing the large comprehensive scheme of the committee was a problem which almost discouraged the most sanguine and enthusiastic members of the committee. Through the whole-souled co-operation of Camps and individuals, the financial

difficulty was overcome, and the program as at first conceived made possible.

The mayor's executive committee was the rock on which our bark was continually thrown. Successively, we obtained the privilege of being on the curb, looking on, right of line, presentation of greetings on board ship, left of line of escorting column, "Abernathy kids," presentation at Plaza, and donation of music to the number of seventy-five pieces. Acting as escort in conjunction with the Rough Riders was our original request.

Past Commander, Major Daniel J. Murphy, was the Marshal of the distinctly U. S. W. V. part of the escort, and Camps and individuals from the surrounding country assembled at Washington Arch, and fell in behind the Reception Committee, marching up Fifth avenue to the number of about 2,300, including music. The visiting Comrades were given the right of line on this 18th day of June, the following Departments being represented: Oklahoma, Indiana, Pennsylvania, District of Columbia, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island and New Jersey. Some of the prominent individual Comrades in line this day were, Past Commander-in-Chief Chas. W. Newton, Department Commander Fenton, Past Department Commanders Breckbill and Gammons, all of Connecticut; Department Commander Mawson, of District of Columbia; Department Commander McCammon and Past Department Commander Flynn, of Massachusetts; Department Commander Lake and Staff, of Rhode Island; Past Department Commander Hunter, of Oklahoma; Past Department Commander Drapier, of Indiana; Department Commander Gasser, Past Department Commanders Hilton, Collins and Desmond, of New Jersey; and our own Department Commander Simmons, who, at the outset represented the Order in the first greetings on board the revenue cutter.

After the procession up Fifth avenue, the United Spanish War Veterans, receiving constant applause along the line of march, the presentation of a volume of greetings from Camps, Departments and individuals of the Order took place at the Plaza. These greetings consisted of resolutions, letters and telegrams from all parts of our country where the Order had found a footing, and were placed in an album bound in blue and gray, appropriately embellished with a portrait of the eminent Comrade and official buttons and lettering. The presentation was made by Comrade,

Colonel George R. Dyer of Manhattan Camp. Colonel Roosevelt, upon receiving same, said, "Thanks, thanks, a thousand times, and, Colonel, time is pressing so that I cannot greet all the men, but I will ask you personally to let them all know how greatly, how sincerely, I appreciate this book and their presence here. You will do this for me?" "I'll be mighty proud to take your message," responded Colonel Dyer.

The Rough Riders had been invited to partake of a soldiers' mess at the 12th Regiment Armory, but the awful jam of 2,300 men, hungry and heated, trying to get to the canteen, caused the Rough Riders to retire. There was sufficient for all to eat, drink and smoke. The feeding of such a large number of men is not child's play, and Comrade Adair and his detail cannot be praised too highly.

The expenses of this undertaking were heavy, but there was a general division amongst the Camps, that it was but lightly felt. There are some small promised donations outstanding, which makes it hard to compute the financial status of the Committee. No matter what action may be taken at any future time, the chairman has pledged to make good amounts, which will come within \$50.

Finally, I believe it most appropriate to set forth the value of our participation in this reception. The recipient of this tribute was the cynosure of all eyes of the world, and this day of his return was looked forward to with a great deal of anticipation by the world at large and the press especially. Could we, also a product of this war, afford to remain in the background and withhold our greetings to our Comrade? We received publicity of a respectable sort. If the high and mighty, with strains of blood traceable to the dim ages of the past, could with dignity step off their thrones, we, as his compatriots, surely could, with justified pride, step up and give a fraternal salute. We were alone, with the Rough Riders, the representatives of the war, marching in line, while 50,000 of other organizations formed at the curb. The recognition of the Order, after a continuous debate of a month, should make us feel a certain gratification which would naturally come with victory. We must take part in all matters pertaining to public and patriotic functions. We must let our light shine, not in private, but in public.

The injection of the U. S. W. V. into affairs of such moment as these, fill those of us who are active in the Order with a spirit of pride. Those who are weak-kneed in our ranks will take courage, and take new interest. Those who have dropped out will begin to think, and the longing to get back with the Comrades of the days of '98 will be too strong to resist. And lastly, there are those who have never affiliated with us who will take steps to make themselves part of us. So much for recruiting. The people in power are beginning to realize that we are much alive. The press is friendly to us, where it was hostile before. I have sufficient evidence that the foregoing is but too true.

We must continue the march.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) BERNHARDT WALL,

Chairman Roosevelt Greeting Committee.

COMRADE WALL:

Department Commander, if I am allowed the floor, I have here prepared resolutions of appreciation for three men mostly interested in the matter of the "Maine," and I would like to present them. I will just simply state that there is one for Comrade George George Alvin Loud of Michigan, Chairman of the Sub-Naval Committee of the House of Representatives; one for the Hon. Charles Curtis, Senator from Kansas, who engineered the bill through the Senate and made it possible for the delegation that went to Washington to meet the President on a cabinet day when no other persons but cabinet officers were allowed to see the Executive; and one for the Hon. William Sulzer, for his part in the matter of the "Maine" for the last eight or nine years.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Referred to the committee on special resolutions. You have the report of the chairman. What is your pleasure?

COMRADE DRISCOLL:

I move that the report take the usual course.

A VOICE:

Second the motion. (Carried.)

At 4:30 P. M. the Department Commander directed the Senior Vice-Commander to take the chair.

COMRADE CUNNINGHAM:

We will now listen to the report of the Department Commander.

A VOICE:

I propose three cheers for Maurice Simmons. (Cheers and applause.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

We have a telegram from the Governor which will be read by the Adjutant.

Department Adjutant reads telegram as follows:

ALBANY, N. Y., *August 1, 1910.*

MAURICE SIMMONS, *Commander United Spanish War Veterans, Annual Encampment, Saratoga:*

Your telegram has been received and I cordially appreciate the kindly message of the United Spanish War Veterans. In turn I take pleasure in sending to the veterans my cordial greetings and my best wishes for the success of the Encampment and for their individual prosperity and happiness.

CHAS. E. HUGHES.

COMRADE DRISCOLL:

I move that this message be accepted and spread upon the minutes of this encampment.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The chair will entertain a motion that we adjourn until to-morrow morning at 9:30.

COMRADE GREENBAUM:

I make a motion that we adjourn until 9:30 to-morrow morning.

COMRADE SWARTWOOD:

I second the motion. (Carried.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Comrades, I have looked over the situation; we have twice the work of the preceding encampment. Now, I will close these

sessions as quickly as I can; I will close them early, but let us try to transact business with despatch. It looks like a three days' session as I look over the situation, and remember, do not go off on your pleasures now and then return merely to cast a vote. You are not here for that purpose.

The afternoon session adjourned at 5:20 P. M.

MORNING SESSION.

Prayer offered by Rev. Dr. Edward A. McMaster.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

We will listen to several telegrams to be read by the Adjutant.

DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT:

Comrades, the following is from the President:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, BEVERLY, MASS., Aug. 1, 1910.

MAURICE SIMMONS, *Department Commander United Spanish War Veterans, Saratoga Spa., N. Y.:*

Sincerely appreciate the message of good will from the United Spanish War Veterans. I send greeting and good wishes to all the members of the organization.

W. H. TAFT.

COMRADE FLETT:

I move that the telegram be received and filed and spread upon the minutes of the Encampment.

COMRADE STILES:

Second the motion. (Carried.)

Department Adjutant reads the following telegram:

SACRAMENTO, CAL., Aug. 1, 1910.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER MAURICE SIMMONS, *U. S. W. V. Encampment, Saratoga, N. Y.:*

United Spanish War Veterans, Department of California, in Encampment assembled, extend most cordial fraternal greetings to Comrades of Department of New York with very best wishes for a most profitable and pleasant Encampment. Here's "How."

P. C. MULQUEENEY,
Department Commander.

COMRADE LYNT:

I move that this telegram take the course of the previous one.

COMRADE MORRIS:

I second the motion. (Carried.)

DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT:

Department Commander, I have a communication to read, as follows:

GREAT YAMEN OF THE IMPERIAL ORDER OF THE DRAGON.

United Spanish War Veterans, Department of New York, in Executive Session, 7th Annual Encampment:

GREETING.—Again as another year has passed into history, it is the extreme pleasure of the officers and mandarins of the Imperial Order of the Dragon to extend warmest fraternal greetings to our fellow Comrades and to assure them of our sincere appreciation for the many courtesies extended to our order during the past year by the Department Commander of New York.

May these pleasant relations continue and further the bonds of comradeship that makes the plans and purposes of both orders work to a common patriotic end.

Fraternally and faithfully,

(Signed) FREDERIC C. MADDEN,

Grand Viceroy.

(Official) HENRY M. SCHIMLER,

Custodian of Archives.

COMRADE HALLER:

I move that this communication be received and filed.

A VOICE:

Second the motion. (Carried.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

In view of the report of the Past Surgeon-General, John S. Grant, showing the unremitting activity of one of the Comrades of this Department, in connection with the Coghlan Memorial Fund, I take this opportunity to appoint as vice-chairman of the

Coghlan Memorial Committee a Comrade who has been highly commended by the chairman of the committee, viz., Comrade H. C. H. Stewart, of Major Frank Keck Camp No. 53.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

We will listen to the report of the Chief of Staff.

COMRADE DRISCOLL, Chief of Staff:

Department Commander, my report will be very brief. I have held and filled the office to the best of my ability, and visited the Camps as instructed. Department Commander, aside from that I have no further report to make.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

We will listen to the reading of the minutes of the Council of Administration.

Report of the Council of Administration.

Minutes of the meeting of the Council of Administration held December 4, 1909, at Department Headquarters, 198 Broadway, New York city. Present: Department Commander Maurice Simmons; Councilors John Devane, John Schlechter, C. W. Herick, W. M. Beamus. Department Officers: Department Adjutant Ernest W. Larkin, Department Quartermaster Thomas J. Quinn, Department Inspector Frank D. Lakestream, Department Judge-Advocate James F. Court, Department Historian Malcolm C. Fraser. Comrades F. C. Kuehnle, William H. Burns, John E. J. Clare and Chas. Rogers.

The Department Historian was appointed secretary of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the Department Commander. A letter was read from Saratoga Camp No. 58, requesting that in the event of the U. S. W. V. not being able to come to an agreement with the G. A. R., in regard to holding the Department Encampments together, that the next Encampment be held in Saratoga Springs.

Comrade John E. J. Clare reported that no arrangement had been made, as yet, with the G. A. R., as their Council of Administration would not meet until early in January, and that he had

been informed unofficially that the G. A. R. would probably hold its Encampment in Niagara Falls or Syracuse in June, the preference being in favor of the latter place.

As a resolution had been adopted at the last Encampment in favor of the next Encampment being held at the same time and place as the G. A. R. Encampment, the Council requested Comrade John E. J. Clare to visit the G. A. R. Council and ascertain if they were favorably inclined to the plan.

By motion regularly moved and seconded the Council decided that the semi-annual per capita tax for the term, January 1st to June 30, 1910, should be levied in advance on a basis of 25c. per capita per annum.

The Department Historian gave a short outline of his plan of having each Camp appoint a Camp Historian to keep him informed of the activities of the Camp and to be prepared to answer any adverse criticism of the organization or its legislative activities which might appear in the local press.

The Department Judge-Advocate reported that the legislative program for 1910 consisted of the following bills:

First. A full preference to Spanish American War Veterans in civil service appointments and promotions.

Second. The elimination of the word "Volunteer" from the law in order that regulars may participate in civil service benefits.

Third. Providing that the reports of the Department Encampments be printed by the State as is now being done for the G. A. R.

Fourth. That the Poor Law be so amended that the U. S. W. V. be represented on the county disbursement boards of all funds appropriated for the relief of veterans.

The Department Quartermaster's report of receipts and expenditures from July 31st to December 4, 1909, inclusive, is as follows:

Balance on hand July 31, 1909.....	\$645 16	
Receipts from all sources.....	308 44	
		\$953 60
Expenditures for all purposes.....	\$964 51	
Expenditures in excess of receipts.....	10 91	

Liabilities.

Department Quartermaster	\$55 63	
Department Commander account, post- age 1908 and 1909	61 00	
Wm. C. Popper & Co. printing	4 75	
		\$121 38

Assets.

On deposit	\$44 72	
Bills receivable	172 24	
		236 96

Assets in excess of liabilities:

Assets Dec. 5, 1908	\$55 47	
Assets Dec. 4, 1909	115 58	

Excess over 1908	60 11
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Supplies.

Received	\$187 25	
Expended	171 70	
Profit		15 55
On hand December 4, 1909	\$84 80	
On hand July 31, 1909	50 87	
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Gross profit to date, Dec. 4, 1909	\$49 48
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The Department Commander appointed Councilor Schlechter and Comrades Charles Rogers and William H. Burns a sub-committee to audit the Department Quartermaster's report.

The Department Adjutant reported that only five Camps were delinquent in their semi-annual reports.

Letter received from Councilor P. F. Harney explaining that, on account of illness in his family, he was unable to attend the meeting.

Comrade F. C. Kuehnle, Chairman of the By-Law Revision Committee, requested that the Department Commander appoint the full committee. The following were appointed: John T. Ryan, Past Adjutant-General; John E. J. Clare, James F. Court,

John T. Oates, Alfred J. Kennedy, Edward E. Swartwood and Frank D. Lakestream.

Committee to meet December 16, 1909, at the 71st Regiment Armory.

The Department Inspector reported that he had not taken up the early inspection of Camps, as he had advocated at the last Encampment, on account of the delay of National Headquarters in delivering the inspection reports.

The Department Adjutant presented the following resolution, which was rejected:

WHEREAS, It has been officially announced that, at the Sixth National Encampment, held at Tacoma, Wash., a resolution was introduced changing the name of our Organization from "United Spanish War Veterans," to "Spanish War Veterans;" and

WHEREAS, The said resolution was referred to the Committee on Revision of the Rules and Regulations with power to effect such change of name; and

WHEREAS, The changing of the name of our Organization would render it necessary to change all charters, Camp flags, seals, dies for buttons and badges, stationery, rituals, books of ceremonies, grave markers, collar devices and many other articles of our present equipment, placing a heavy burden of expense upon the National and Department Encampments and also upon Camps and individual Comrades, besides creating in the minds of our members a doubt as to the stability of our Order; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of Administration of the Department of New York, U. S. W. V., in meeting assembled this 4th day of December, 1909, in the city of New York, does hereby protest against the proposed change in the name of our Organization as being detrimental to its interests; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Commander-in-Chief for transmission to the Chairman of the Committee on Revision of the Rules and Regulations.

The Department Adjutant presented the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Under the Rules and Regulations of the United Spanish War Veterans as at the present time in force, the National Encampment may effect radical changes by the adoption of

a resolution introduced at any regular session of the Encampment, and such resolution is then part of the law of our Order; and

WHEREAS, Only a limited number of our Comrades are able to afford the time and expense of attending a National Encampment, and many Camps are not represented; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of Administration of the Department of New York, U. S. W. V., in meeting assembled this 4th day of December, 1909, in the city of New York, do hereby petition the Committee on Revision of the Rules and Regulations to incorporate the following in the revised Rules and Regulations, viz.: "The name of the Organization cannot be changed except by a resolution offered at a regular session of the National Encampment and such resolution must be submitted to all Camps in the Order, whereupon, if two-thirds of the Camps signify their approval in writing, the resolution shall again be introduced at the succeeding Encampment and, if it receives the approval of a majority of those present and voting, it shall become effective."

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Commander-in-Chief for transmission to the Committee on Revision.

The Department Judge Advocate presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Council of Administration of the Department of New York approve and recommend the adoption of the change in the name of the Organization from "United Spanish War Veterans" to "Spanish War Veterans."

The Department Adjutant reported that Camps were in the process of formation as follows:

At Geneva, Negro Camp at West Point, Fulton, Mechanicville, Gloversville, Fort Slocum, a Police and Fire Camp, Troop A Camp, Troop C Camp, Philippine Camp and a Yankee Crew Camp in New York City.

The Department Adjutant reported that the Manhattan Borough Council had recommended that the charter of Gen. Joseph Wheeler Camp No. 70 be revoked, stating that the Camp has ceased to exist, except on paper, that practically all the members

have transferred to other Camps and its charter is now being held for hall rent.

By a unanimous vote the Council recommended that the charter of Gen. Joseph Wheeler Camp No. 70 be revoked.

Auditing Committee reported the Quartermaster's accounts correct.

The Council accepted the Committee's report by a unanimous vote and discharged the Committee with thanks.

On motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the Department Commander's Circular No. 2, Current Series, was in all respects approved, as conceived for the best advantage of the Department and conforming to the requirements of the Order and military procedure.

The meeting thereupon adjourned.

MALCOLM C. FRASER,
Acting Secretary.

Minutes of the meeting of the Council of Administration, Department of New York, held at 198 Broadway, New York City, March 15, 1910.

Present: Commander Maurice Simmons; S. V. Department Commander Wm. J. Cunningham; Councilors John P. Devane, John Finnerty, John F. Schlechter and P. F. Harney; Department Adjutant Ernest W. Larkin, Quartermaster Thomas J. Quinn, Judge Advocate James F. Court and Historian Malcolm C. Fraser; Comrades Wesley E. Bryde, John E. J. Clare, A. L. Beckhardt, Fred W. Dunston, Henry W. Schwartz and Bernhardt Wall.

The Department Commander presiding appointed the Department Historian secretary of the meeting.

A resolution was adopted allowing all Comrades present to have a voice in all discussions, the members of the Council alone having a vote on questions.

Past Commander John E. J. Clare, who had been appointed Chairman of a Special Committee to attend the meeting of the G. A. R. Council of Administration to ascertain if they were agreeable to the proposition of the United Spanish War Veterans for holding their Encampment at the same time and place as the

G. A. R., reported: That the G. A. R. were perfectly willing and that they would hold their Encampment on June 21st, 22d and 23d, 1910; that the city of Syracuse had been selected in preference to any other city on account of the unveiling of the Soldiers' Monument erected at the cost of \$100,000, the gift of Onondaga county; and that the G. A. R. had made arrangements with the Central Passenger Association of the railroads for transportation at the rate of a fare and a half on the certificate plan. Comrade Clare was thanked for his work and his report placed on file.

A letter was read from Commander Thos. W. Quigley, Jr., of the Col. John G. Butler Camp No. 86 of Syracuse, requesting that the Encampment be held in that city.

A letter was read from the Saratoga Camp No. 58, requesting that the Encampment be held in Saratoga Springs.

The Department Commander reported that a number of letters had been received from the Camp at Niagara Falls, requesting that the Encampment be held at that city.

Mr. Chesebrough of the Delaware and Hudson railroad addressed the meeting in behalf of holding the Encampment at Saratoga Springs.

Mr. Farnum, a member of the Publicity Committee of Saratoga Springs, addressed the meeting, stating that the Encampment would have the free use of their large Convention Hall and that good hotel accommodations could be secured in Saratoga Springs at \$1.50 up per day, American plan.

Messrs Chesebrough and Farnum then withdrew and after a lengthy discussion it was the sense of the meeting, that as the G. A. R. Encampment was to be held in June it would be impracticable to hold the U. S. W. V. Encampment at the same time and place, in accordance with the resolution adopted at the Sixth Annual Encampment held at Oswego, N. Y., for the following reasons:

That if the Encampment were to be held in June the Administration would be deprived of the per capita tax due June 30th and thus be handicapped through the loss of half of its revenue.

That the Ladies' Auxiliary, now having a deficit, would be seriously embarrassed.

That civil service employees would have considerable difficulty in securing leaves of absence on account of members of the G. A. R. being absent at the same time, thus giving the heads of public departments just cause for complaint; and that as there would be five encampments, the G. A. R., Women's Relief Corps, Sons of Veterans, Ladies' Auxiliary, Sons of Veterans, and the Daughters of Veterans, it would be doubtful if suitable meeting place and hotel accommodations could be secured.

A resolution was then adopted fixing the time of the Seventh Annual Encampment for the first fortnight in August.

After discussion a resolution was adopted providing that the Seventh Annual Encampment, Department of New York, be held in the village of Saratoga Springs on the 1st, 2d and 3d days of August, 1910.

By a resolution adopted the question of transportation was committed to the good judgment and experience of Comrade John E. J. Clare with full powers.

The Department Quartermaster reported that only five Camps were in arrears for per capita tax for the term ending December 31, 1909, and twenty-seven Camps for term ending June 30, 1910.

The Department Adjutant reported that fourteen Camps had failed to render semi-annual reports for the term ending December 31, 1909, and that application blanks had been requested for a Camp to be formed at Fulton, N. Y.

The Department Commander reported that the printing bill, providing that the State print the reports of the Department Encampments, has been favorably acted upon by the Assembly Printing Committee, and that the amendment to the Poor Law, providing that the U. S. W. V. have equal voice with the G. A. R. in the distribution of the State funds for the relief of destitute veterans and their dependents, and the bill according regulars equal protection with volunteers in the civil service had also been favorably acted upon by the Judiciary Committee and that both bills are now before the Senate.

A resolution was adopted commending the Manhattan Borough Council and its Committee for their efficient conduct of the Maine

Memorial Service held at Carnegie Hall, New York City, February 20, 1910.

A resolution was adopted directing the Department Adjutant to draw up a resolution to be presented to Mayor Gaynor of New York City, requesting that Department Commander Maurice Simmons be appointed on the Committee now being formed to receive ex-President Roosevelt on his return to this country.

MALCOLM C. FRASER,

Secretary of Meeting.

March 10, 1910.

Minutes of the Council of Administration meeting held June 25, 1910, at Department Headquarters, 198 Broadway, New York City.

Present: Department Commander Maurice Simmons; Councilors Patrick F. Harney, New York; John Schlechter, Brooklyn; Bert E. Liddell, Utica; Department Quartermaster Thomas J. Quinn, Department Judge-Advocate James F. Court, Department Historian Malcolm C. Fraser, Commander Anthony J. Griffin, Past Commander Bernhardt Wall, Past Commander Wm. H. Johnson.

The Department Commander, presiding, appointed the Department Historian secretary of the meeting.

Owing to the absence of the Department Adjutant the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

On motion regularly made and seconded, the Council fixed the semi-annual per capita tax for the term from July 1st to December 31st at 12½ cents, payable in advance.

The Department Quartermaster read a report, but as same was not prepared for audit, it was returned for submission as properly supplemented at the next meeting of the Council.

The following resolution was submitted by the Department Commander and adopted:

WHEREAS, The present National Administration of the United Spanish War Veterans has flung far the line of advance of our beloved Order, planting our Camp standards on the very frontiers of our American civilization, making our Order a force for the public good, not only throughout the Republic, but in the Antilles, the Tropics, the Orient and the frozen North; and

WHEREAS, The marked progress of our Order during the present

term is primarily due to the tireless initiative, the fruitful energy and the safe guidance of our great Commander-in-Chief, Edward J. Gihon; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Council of Administration of the Department of New York, in assembly duly convened at Department Headquarters, on the 25th day of June, 1910, that we indorse the undertakings of the present National Administration, and heartily commend the faithful and capable services of our Commander-in-Chief, Edward J. Gihon; and it be furthermore

Resolved, That the Department Adjutant be instructed to forward this resolution to the Commander-in-Chief, and to spread a copy thereof on the minutes of the Department's Council of Administration.

The Department Commander reported that the following new Camps were in process of formation: Rough Rider Camp with application containing twelve names to date, 69th Regiment Camp with application containing about thirty names to date, Colored Camp in New York City with application containing about ten names to date, the Yankee Crew Camp and a New York City Police and Fire Camp.

The Department Commander called the attention of the Council to local conditions in New York City and stated that owing to the fact that each Borough had a separate "Council" or "Committee," each acted independently of the other, and it had been necessary for Department Headquarters to take the initiative in all questions affecting the entire City, such as the Hudson-Fulton parade, the Roosevelt Reception and the Annual Memorial Day appropriation. He stated that as the Department Headquarters would not always remain in New York City to do this work, it was necessary for the Council to recommend changes in the Department Rules and Regulations to remedy these conditions.

He therefore recommended that the present Borough Councils and Committees be abolished, and instead that a joint city board be established to consist of elected delegates alone from all Camps in the city, this board to consider all questions pertaining to the entire city; and that memorial and executive committees be formed in each Borough to consist of the Commanders of the Camps in the Borough to deal with the administration of poor relief, etc. It was thereupon regularly moved, seconded and carried that the

Department Commander appoint a committee, upon which all Boroughs in the City of New York be represented, to consider the subject and report thereon at the approaching Department Encampment.

The following committee was appointed: Department Judge-Advocate James F. Court, chairman; Past Commander P. F. Harney, secretary; Past Commander Wm. H. Johnson, Past Commander A. J. Griffin, Past Commander Wm. J. Dineen, Past Commander Morris J. Mendelsohn, Department Inspector Albert J. Kennedy, Past Commander Charles Bormann, Chaplain Frank Van Buren.

The meeting was thereupon adjourned sine die.

MALCOLM C. FRASER,

Secretary.

Minutes of Council of Administration, Department of New York, United Spanish War Veterans, held at the Worden hotel, Saratoga Springs, N. Y., August 1, 1910.

Present: Department Commander Maurice Simmons, Senior Vice-Commander Wm. J. Cunningham, Junior Vice-Commander F. D. Culkin, Councilor C. W. Herrick, Department Adjutant E. W. Larkin, Department Quartermaster Thomas J. Quinn, Department Historian Malcolm C. Fraser.

The Department Commander called the meeting to order and appointed the Department Historian secretary of the meeting.

After due consideration the Council recommended that the following resolutions be presented to the Seventh Annual Encampment.

1. *Resolved*, That discussions on all subjects be limited to five minutes by any one Comrade.

2. *Resolved*, That the Department Adjutant and the Department Quartermaster be paid \$100 each as a compensation for honest and faithful services.

3. *Resolved*, That Mrs. R. L. Dyas be paid \$25 for the work she has done for the Department.

4. *Resolved*, That the Finance Committee audit the Department Quartermaster's report.

Meeting adjourned.

MALCOLM C. FRASER,

Secretary.

At this juncture Warren A. Wilson Camp No. 9, of Glens Falls, N. Y., marched into the Convention Hall with band and colors, and was given a rising salute.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Comrades of Glens Falls, we are delighted to have you with us, and we tender you the key of the Encampment. Remain with us. We will now listen to the report of the chairman of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

COMRADE T. A. BALL, chairman of Committee on Appeals and Grievances:

I would say that my committee have not learned of any grievances yet.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The committee reports progress.

Comrade Mendelsohn, chairman of Committee on Credentials, reads temporary report of delegates whose credentials had been approved.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Comrades, you have heard the temporary report of the Committee on Credentials. What is your pleasure with reference to that temporary report?

COMRADE GRANT:

I move that the report be accepted, and that so far as it goes it be approved.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

And that the list that appears in the report be constituted the temporary roll of delegates to this Encampment, and that the committee continue its labors?

COMRADE GRANT:

Yes, sir.

COMRADE DREIS:

I second the motion. (Carried.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I appoint as a committee to go to the Worden House and escort to this Encampment the Commander-in-Chief and the Past Com-

mander-in-Chief the following Comrades: Wall, Anderson and Haller, all National Aides.

DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT:

A great many men from the City of New York, belonging to the various city departments, are required to furnish evidence to the heads of their departments that they have attended this Encampment. For that purpose we have a certificate, and any delegate so situated can have one of these certificates on applying to the Adjutant. I understand that a committee from the Ladies' Auxiliary is waiting without. Comrade Fraser, will you see that the Greeting Committee is admitted.

Greeting Committee from the Ladies' Auxiliary is admitted and escorted to the rostrum.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Kind fate has plucked three of the most beautiful flowers from the "Garden of Roses," and it is my extreme pleasure to present to you the Committee of Greetings from the Ladies' Auxiliary, whom, through its eloquent and versatile representatives, we only know to love and admire. I will call upon the Past President General of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the United Spanish War Veterans to present to you the greetings of that body, Mrs. Mary A. Gedney.

MRS. MARY A. GEDNEY:

Department Commander and Comrades.—The Department Commander evidently knows that we have some money to hand to him this morning. Comrades, it affords me great pleasure to return your greetings. We received your greetings yesterday morning very cordially, and we were very glad to receive them, and I must say it was for the first time that the men got the better of the ladies by sending their Greeting Committee first, and I am glad of it. (Applause.) Now, Comrades, I have just one favor to ask of each and every one of you, and that is, to see that you elect a Department Commander who will act in co-operation with the Ladies' Auxiliary of the United Spanish War Veterans. (Applause.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

On this same delegation of loveliness is one of the Assistant Department Adjutants of our own Department. While unkind fate and our regulations prevented me from officially appointing her to that position, nevertheless, she has performed most faithfully and efficiently the duties of Assistant Department Adjutant of New York, and it is my pleasurable prerogative to ask you to listen to words of counsel and greeting from the Treasurer of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Department of New York, Mrs. Ray L. Dyas. (Applause.)

MRS. RAY L. DYAS:

Speaking is not in my line. As long as our President General has done that, I think I can possibly speak in a different way. I know that it is of more value than words would be. I am sorry, however, that the amount does not come up to what was expected, but the good work is going to go on. This is not all that we are going to give to the Coghlan Memorial Fund. Fifty-one dollars is only a drop, but we hope it will be acceptable. (Presents money to Department Commander for Coghlan Memorial Fund.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

In the words of the poet, "Lead us to the drops." (Laughter.) Comrade Grant, there are a few of those dew drops, and I have private assurances that a few of the Camps represented here intend to make large contributions, one of \$25, and one Camp has pledged itself to make a contribution of \$75 to that same fund, so that, by another year, a granite shaft of some kind will be erected over the grave containing the remains of our dearly beloved Past Department Commander, at Arlington cemetery.

COMRADE GRANT, Chairman of Coghlan Memorial Committee:

I would like to convey the thanks of the Coghlan Memorial Committee to the Ladies Auxiliary for their splendid donation. It certainly is appreciated.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The other member of the Ladies Greeting Committee should have been an example to one of the most efficient officers of this Department, but evidently the dawn of that millennial day has ar-

rived when the husband stays at home and rocks the cradle, while the wife goes to the club (laughter), so that, while our Department Inspector is gently varnishing the green leaves of the rubber plant and rocking the domestic cradle, we will listen to the lady who is the pride of his household, one of the officers of the Ladies Auxiliary of this Department, Mrs. Clara F. Lakestream. (Applause.)

MRS. CLARA F. LAKESTREAM:

Department Commander and Comrades, our Commander has just said that the time has arrived when the man stays home and minds the baby and the wife goes to the club. I do not quite agree with him there. I believe in that motto which says, "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." (Applause.) I thank you heartily for receiving us here this morning. Because I know your time is precious and every moment of it counts and is of some value to you, and as one of the speakers said last night, that brevity was the soul of wit, I want to be just as witty as I can. I thank you. (Applause.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Three cheers for the ladies. (Cheers.)

The Department Commander requested the Junior Vice-Commander to take the chair at 10:30 A. M.

General Eugene Griffin Camp No. 11, of Schenectady, entered the convention hall at this juncture with band and colors, and were received with rousing cheers.

COMRADE CULKIN:

In behalf of the Department, Comrades, and on the direction of the Department Commander, I have the honor of being temporarily in the chair, and of bidding you an emphatic welcome. Be seated, Comrades. We will now listen to the completion of the Department Commander's report.

The Department Commander continues the reading of his report from where he left off at preceding session. }

COMRADE STEPHENS:

I move you, sir, that a provost guard be directed to keep order in the gallery so that we can hear the report of the Department Commander.

COMRADE CULKIN :

I detail Comrade Stephens as the guard.

During the reading of the Department Commander's report, the Commander-in-Chief and Past Commander-in-Chief entered the convention hall with escort and band.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER :

The Department Adjutant has a few remarks to make, and then we will hear from two of the most distinguished leaders of the National Order.

Department Adjutant Larkin reads letter as follows:

GRAND LAIR, MILITARY ORDER OF THE SERPENT, DEPARTMENT
OF NEW YORK, UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

OFFICE DE LA JUNTA GRANDE

*To the Department Adjutant of the United Spanish War
Veterans:*

I beg to advise you that the Second Annual Convention of the Grand Lair, Military Order of the Serpent, Province of New York, will be held at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening at the Armory for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year and such other business as may come before the Convention. Immediately upon the adjournment of the Convention, the degree team of the Grand Lair with all companions present and candidates for initiation will parade with the Great Snake. Immediately upon the conclusion of the parade, the initiation ceremonies will be conducted at the Armory. Applicants are requested to register at the Headquarters of the Military Order of the Serpent, rooms 71-73, Worden hotel. Fraternally,

(Signed) HENRY M. SCHIMLER,

By Order of the Grand GuGu Grandisississimmo.

Official:

FREDERIC C. MADDEN,

Thrice Inferior, Grand GuGu.

GREAT YAMEN OF THE IMPERIAL ORDER OF THE DRAGON.

*To the Department Adjutant of the United Spanish War Veterans
in Saratoga Springs, N. Y.:*

I have the honor to advise that the Third Annual reunion of the Imperial Order of the Dragon will be held at the Worden hotel, Wednesday afternoon at 4 p. m. All Comrades who served with the United States forces in China during the Boxer Rebellion in 1900 are cordially invited to attend.

Thanking you in advance for making this announcement public, I am,

Fraternally,

(Signed) HENRY M. SCHIMLER,

Custodian of Archives.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Comrades, New York is signally honored by the presence to-day of the highest executive officer in our Order. In order to meet and mingle with you he has traversed several States. You heard him last night, a rugged, soldierly type, fearless and clean purposed. He has cast all his bone and sinew into the work of the Order during the term now closing, and it is a grand distinction for me at the close of my term of office to be permitted to call upon him to address us. I present you our Commander-in-Chief, Edward J. Gihon.

PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF NEWTON:

Comrades, I propose three cheers for our Commander-in Chief. (Cheers.)

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF GIHON:

Department Commander Simmons, and Comrades of the Department of New York: I thought that I had discharged all my ammunition last evening at your splendid banquet. I told you all the stale stories that I knew, I ever did know, and those that I forgot were brought up by my reserve in the person of Comrade Newton. He told all his too, but he may have some more to tell you to-day, but I told all of mine. But, Comrades, as I said last night, it is a pleasure, and it is a distinction to come to this Department, as it is to all Departments — particularly to this

Department, because it is the largest Department in our Order. Now, I do not want to repeat everything that I said last night. What I want to say to you to-day will be more along the lines of our work in the Order, and I will be very brief.

I want to call your attention to the fact that our Comrades of '98 volunteered their services of their own free will with their eyes wide open, and knowing full well what they were doing. Consider that. There was no need of the draft. There were no mercenaries nor conscripts in the Spanish War, and I know of nothing in my military experience that is grander, more patriotic, more inspiring, than when the call went forth in '98 from our President for volunteers to defend our colors, to witness our youth from all over the land, the South vying with the North, rallying to the colors, and holding up their right hands, making a solemn obligation that they would support the Constitution of the United States, and that they would defend the colors even with their lives, and I know of nothing, Comrades, that is grander than that obligation that they took at that time. They also took an obligation that they would accept discipline, that they would obey the orders of all their superiors — all lawful orders — even though those orders might demand delivering up their lives for their country, and I say to you Comrades, that the manner of men who will do that, who will give up everything that they have in life, everything that is near and dear to them, their business, their home and family and friends, in the cause of their country, are the best possible soldiers, and they are of the stuff that makes the best citizens. That is what our men of '98 did. It is an honor for any man, the greatest honor that I can imagine, to wear the uniform of his country. It is a distinction which any citizen of this great republic should be proud to possess, and we have that distinction; and following the example of the soldiers of the earlier wars, and particularly the honored survivors of the great Civil War, we have banded ourselves together in a union of men to serve our country. If our organization were but merely local we could accomplish but very little. The greater part of our hard work and our energy would be wasted, but thank heavens, Comrades, we are at last a united organization, having Camps and Departments in every State and Territory in this

Union, as well as in Alaska, way up within the Arctic circle. We have an organization in the Hawaiian islands — 5,000 miles from our shore — and we have an organization, lately organized, in the beautiful island of the Caribbean sea — Porto Rico. (Applause.)

We also have an organization lately organized on foreign soil — the only Camp on foreign soil — which will soon become a Department, in the Republic of Cuba, in Havana; and we have a splendid organization in the Philippine Islands — 12,000 miles from our shore — a Department of 1,400 Comrades, and I can say to you here, Comrades, without question it is the best Department in our entire Order. I said last night that I thought that Massachusetts was. Well, of course we talk that way sometimes, but as an actual fact, from records and from results, I think the Department of the Philippines is the best Department in our Order. (Applause.) They are so far away that we do not often get in touch with them, and we do not know what they are doing; but I have had many officers come back from the Philippines and have talked with them. They told me their aims and what they were doing — their work. In Manila at the present time they are building, or at least they are going to build, a \$50,000 club house for the United Spanish War Veterans. (Applause.) You men who have served in the Philippines know that in many of those islands the ground is very low in some places and it fills up with water, and when a Comrade dies and they bury him they place the coffin in the grave and four men stand on the coffin to press it down. Now, our Department over there have bought cemeteries in all of those islands, and have erected tombs above ground so that in the future any Comrade of our Order, whether he is a member or not of the United Spanish War Veterans, will receive a decent burial and will not be shoved down into the water. And then again, no Comrade in the Philippine Islands to-day, if he is a decent fellow, will want. If a man is over there in distress, and his health gives out, and he wants to go back to the States, they send him back. That is the work being done by our Comrades in the Philippines, and they tell me also that for any Comrade who goes to the Philippines, if he is willing to work, they get a position. Now, really, can you find a Department in our entire Order,

outside of the Philippines, where they will do all those things? We all can feel proud of that splendid Department in the Philippines.

Now just a word about Cuba. I am interested in that splendid Camp down there. I want to tell you one or two things about that Camp to give you an idea of just what they are. That Camp down there was organized in January, at no expense to the Order, by Past Commander-in-Chief, Walter Scott Hale. It is a Camp of forty-five chartered members. They are the best possible members. The men down in Havana, Cuba, are the Americans who went down there after the war and made good. The Camp Commander, Captain Houston, went down there after the war. He went down there six years ago without a dollar in his pocket — a good fellow, a capable fellow, without money. He was an engineer, and through the officials down there he got a contract. That was a beginning. To-day Comrade Houston's name is on practically all the buildings of Havana as a contractor, on the railroads, harbor work, everything in the way of contract, and he is the best known man to-day, I think, in Havana. He has a weekly pay-roll of \$50,000. There is the work of a man in six years. I do not mean to say that he is any better because he has made all this money, but he does not forget his Comrades because he is a rich man. A short time ago a United Spanish War Veteran died down there and Comrade O'Donnell, a Massachusetts man, learned that he was a veteran, and he told some of his Comrades about it, and he said, "Let's get together and send his body back to the States." Now, it costs money to send a dead body back. He went to the undertaker, and the undertaker said that it would cost about \$700 to do it the way he wanted. He said, "Go ahead." He went out and picked up the money in a couple of days. When he went to the undertaker, the latter said, "There is no bill, the bill is paid. Captain Houston came here a few days ago and paid the entire bill out of his pocket — \$600." He told the undertaker to say nothing about it. And there are many others just like that. The Adjutant of the Camp, a lawyer, who comes from out in Illinois, who married a daughter of one of the past Governor Generals of Cuba, is a very prominent member of the Camp. De Lenair, who was to be the Governor General of the

Island under the American Government at one time, is also a member. Now, there are several army officers down there with the Cuban army, all members. Captain Smith, of New York, the manager or owner or something of the Plaza hotel, the American hotel down there, is a prominent member of the Camp.

Now, the Porto Rico Camp is the same. The young man who organized the Camp, young Wilkinson, one of my Aides, told me that he was going over there, and I commissioned him to organize a Camp. He now owns a \$3,000,000 tract — only a young boy. The Governor of the Island is one of the most prominent members of that Camp. These are the men whom we are getting in these outside possessions.

I am very disappointed in not being able to bring in Panama. I felt sure that I could land it. I wrote them letter after letter begging them to do something. I am sure this coming year, if the Commander-in-Chief will send somebody down, or go down himself, he will capture about 300 Comrades in that place, and that will complete our entire Order.

Now, Comrades, a short time ago an article appeared in one of our magazines, the "National Guard Magazine," written by a Comrade of our Order, in which he said that the Order was going backward; that ninety per cent. of our Comrades were luke warm, and that we cared very little whether we lived or not. It was not by Tucker. Tucker showed me he did not write the article. There never was more enthusiasm in our Order than to-day, and it proves it, for each year we are adding to our membership, and I think no one to-day probably knows the exact condition of the Order better than I myself. I have been all over the country, and I have met Comrades from all over the country. I imagine I have met some way or other 15,000 Comrades throughout the country, and I can say to you that the enthusiasm in our Encampments — you have an example right here — is greater than ever. Comrade Pettijohn, if he is present, will bear me out that the Ohio Encampment was the greatest they ever had. It was the same in Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Michigan, Connecticut, Missouri, Kansas, and all of the Departments. In Massachusetts, down in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, in every case that I know of, the Encampments this year have been largely attended,

and more enthusiasm displayed than ever. And here is a man, who does not know at all what he is talking about, saying that ninety per cent. are luke warm. Articles of that kind do a great deal toward injuring us.

At the Encampment at Tacoma, when I was elected, I made a few, what I may call, impartial promises. I couldn't make a promise and be sure of carrying it out, but I stated there that I did not expect to do any great things during the year, but I hoped to accomplish three or four things. One was to increase the number of Camps largely in our order; another was to substantially increase the membership; another was to bring about some legislation, and another was to place the order in a good financial condition. Now, I am very glad to be able to report to you that we have accomplished all of those things. We have mustered in, I think, ninety new Camps, and we have only lost three, but we are going to lose more, because I am going to revoke the charters of a lot of Camps which are a year in arrears. (Applause.) Probably we shall drop about twenty Camps, I should think, but that is a splendid record — ninety new Camps and only a loss of perhaps fifteen to twenty-five. In the last report we had a balance of something over \$700. At the present time I think we have in our treasury something like \$1,700, but we will not have all that at the Encampment, because at the last of the year there are always a number of large bills to be paid. This is the general fund I am speaking of now. I am sure that we will be able to turn over to the new administration at least \$1,000, which will be enough to carry them along until they get their next tax. In addition to that, Comrades, we have a reserve fund which we cannot use. It is tied up. It is a good thing, but I am not in favor of increasing it. It is a fund invested in a New York City bond, and probably stands us now over \$4,000. In addition to that we have another fund, which we will have to do something with at the next Encampment. The accrued interest of that fund amounts to something like \$662, and at the last Encampment it was recommended that this money be used in the extension of the order. In all probability I will make that same recommendation this year. That fund this year has not been used, so that we will really have in addition to our reserve fund, somewhere around \$1,600 to \$2,000 that we can use.

In the matter of legislation I must say that I am a little mite disappointed in that, althought I am more than pleased that we got through the "Maine" bill that we worked on, that is, the raising of the battleship Maine. (Applause.) Early in the year the committee, of which Comrade Wall, of your Department, is the chairman, with myself, went down to Washington, held a conference there two or three days, and looked over all the bills. I should say there were perhaps 100, and many of them good, and many of them not, and we all agreed, after talking with our Representatives in Congress, and many who are not of our organization, that it would be unwise to put in all those bills. That has been the great trouble in the past, and we all agreed that the proper thing to do, and the best thing to do, would be to unite upon three or not more than four of these bills. I was asked by the committee which bill I wanted placed first, and without hesitation I said, "The raising of the Maine," and they all agreed with me. We talked with every Senator and Congressman that we could get in touch with down there, and we found that they were all favorable; we did not find one down there who objected particularly to the raising of the Maine. On my arrival home I received a letter from your committee here in New York, who had adopted resolutions and appointed a committee to go down there, and I was invited to go down with them. I was very sorry that I was unable to go. I had just returned home and had another engagement and could not attend. The legislation of the raising of the Maine is not due at all to National Headquarters, or to the headquarters of any Department, or any Camp, it was because the entire order united. If we had not done that we could not have carried it through. The Commander-in-Chief himself went down last year and did all he could do, and what was the result? Because we did not unite as a body nothing was accomplished. So, I say, it is because you all united that we carried through the "Maine" bill. We have got to unite on whatever is best for the organization. I find that the greater number of the Senators and Representatives are favorable to our legislation if it has merit. If we use judgment in presenting our bills we will have success, and in my report I am going to recommend that all bills which are to be presented to Congress shall first pass through the hands of the Commander-in-Chief and the Committee on Legislation, and they should be

the judge of whether it is to be presented or not. That has been the policy followed by the Grand Army of the Republic.

I followed with a great deal of interest the report of your splendid Department Commander, and I intend to read over that report with a great deal of interest. It is worth reading, and I expect to get much information and knowledge from it, when I can digest it more carefully than I have up to the present time. I agree with him in most everything, except the change of the name of the organization. I cannot agree with him on that, and while I do not want to say anything that is going to influence you, it is always proper in Encampments of ours to speak your mind and say what you think, and that is what I am going to do. Comrade Newton and I do not agree on this thing. We have talked it over many many times. Comrade Newton believes in changing the name, so does Comrade Simmons. (Applause.) I voted for the bill out in Tacoma without giving it much consideration, but after arriving home, so many protests came in from all over the country, from Departments and Encampments, that I made an investigation. Comrade Simmons' report says that there would be very little cost. As a matter of fact there would be no expense in so far as the badge was concerned. I estimate that if that change is made it would cost our organization in the neighborhood of \$8,000. Now, consider that. It will cost National Headquarters, if we have to change all of those plates — and we probably would have to — in the neighborhood of \$2,000, and even if we could have them made over by cutting out the word "United" — and I do not know whether they could do it — it will then cost anywhere from \$600 to \$1,000. It will cost every Department and every Camp in our order. Seals have got to be changed, and stationery, and your colors, and you will have to go into your legislatures and change your legislation. Comrades, I cannot see where we can gain anything. I do not think myself that the name "United" is the ideal name of our organization. It may have been when we amalgamated, but it is not now; but I say this, when we do change, let us change to something like we had in Massachusetts — The Legion. That is my idea of a name. The name of the Spanish War Veterans, to my mind, does not mean anything. Any body of Comrades — and we only have a small

percentage of the eligibles in our organization, probably not more than 35,000, and there must be 225,000 eligibles — have a right to organize themselves, if they served in the Spanish War, and adopt a medal, and have all the rights that we have, and we cannot stop them. We have got to have a distinctive name, and personally I cannot see any harm in being called United States War Veterans. I am proud that I am one. (Applause.) Again, one of the arguments is that we are very often in correspondence called Spanish War Veterans, and West Virginia Veterans. Now, I have been in the organization for several years, and I have never heard of that thing but once. The only time I heard of the Veterans of West Virginia was in a hotel in Boston, the Quincey House. One of the waiters wanted to know if I was from West Virginia. I was very glad that he took me from West Virginia. I did not care to have him know I was from Massachusetts. On the whole, I cannot see where we are going to gain anything. There is no harm in the name "United," but if we do change, let us change to something that is distinctive, the same as the Grand Army of the Republic.

I am very glad to hear the Commander talk upon an organization paper. That is something that I had given a whole lot of thought to the past year. I thought during the year we might be able to adopt something of the kind, but when I made investigation I found our organization was not in shape to support it by our own effort. It might be possible, along the lines of the Commander's report, to indorse a paper already in existence, and I know of no paper that has done better work than the U. S. W. V. Review. I can see no harm in the National Encampment endorsing that paper for one year. It publishes nothing but U. S. W. V. news, and I think it would be of great benefit to our organization. The editor, Comrade Pettijohn, certainly is a hustler himself, and is entitled to the thanks of all Comrades of our Order for his splendid work.

The past year, as I stated before, I have passed all through the country, and met the Comrades of every Department. It has been a great pleasure, although it has been a great effort. No one knows, only those who have done it — Comrade Newton will agree

with me — what an effort it is; but there is a great deal of pleasure. You meet splendid Comrades, you make splendid acquaintances all through the country, and when the thing is all over it is something that a man will never regret. I am getting toward the end of my administration, and, like Simmons, I will be mighty glad when it is all over, and I know I will be glad that I went through it, and will never regret it.

Now, Comrades, I have been talking too much, but as I said to you last night, I want to say to you again, keep your shoulders to the wheel and back up your officers of the Department. I do not care how good an officer may be — as Comrade Newton said last night, and every word he said was true — unless you support him he can accomplish nothing. I do not care how good the Department is, unless they get hold of a Commander who will lead them, they will be luke warm and they will accomplish nothing. I am sure that in this Department, that whoever is elected, he will be a capable fellow. I know that he will have the support of every Comrade of this Department, as Comrade Simmons has had for the past two years. Now, Comrades, I am going to close with just these words of congratulation to you. I want to congratulate you as Commander-in-Chief of the order, Comrade Simmons, his Adjutant, and other staff officers. It has been a good administration, and as I said last night, it has been a pleasure to do business with them, and I think at the present time, although this a big Department, there are only about half a dozen delinquent Camps. There ought not to be that number but that is a pretty good record, and I know, from the correspondence we have had with these officers here, what a tremendous effort they made to get them into proper shape. If the Camp Commanders would see to it that the reports are made, you would not have to make any assessments on your members or anything. If these Commanders of Camps would answer their correspondence promptly and make their reports promptly, I dare say we could save a thousand dollars at Headquarters a year just on correspondence. We would not have to have so many clerks. Now, take hold of that. You, Camp Commanders here, go back to your Camps with the resolution that you will in the future make your reports promptly, and pay your tax promptly. Answer your

correspondence promptly with the Department and the National organization, and if you will do that, you will save many dollars for your Department, and many dollars for your National headquarters.

I just want to say one word more, it is along the lines of Comrade Simmon's talk of the support that he was given. Now, he has told you that the present administration was successful, and I am very glad to say that it is. But the credit of all that, as in his case — I will not say all in his case, because I know he has worked hard — is due to the staff of officers and to the Comrade friends throughout the country, particularly so in my case. I have worked all my friends, and they have been most loyal, and none of the Comrades have been more loyal than our friend here, Past Commander-in-Chief Newton. I want to say that because it is probably the last chance that I will have to thank him for what he has tried to do for me. Comrade Murphy said last night that I was a supporter of Comrade Newton in the Boston Encampment. That is not so. I was with Comrade Murphy, but I think that Comrade Newton will say that he did have the loyal support of Massachusetts. I think no Department in the Order gave him more loyal support than Massachusetts, and without saying anything at all about the merits of the candidates, there is nothing in his administration that caused any of us to regret that he was elected. I want to personally in this Encampment to thank Comrade Newton and all his friends for all they have done and all they have tried to do this year. He and I, next year, will do all we can for my successor, and we hope that he will have the grandest success of all, and I am sure he will. (Applause.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Comrades, service while in office should be recognized. The highest kind of service is the service of a man who has received honors, and then persists in carrying out the work of the Order from which he has received honors, just like a work-horse. It is human nature, after you have received all the honors possible, just to lie down and take a back seat. So I say it is the highest type of comradeship for a man who, despite that, spends his substance and gives all that he has after retirement from his office, to the up-building of the Order. It is my pleasure to certify that New York

and other Departments have been repeatedly honored and substantially aided in all its and their undertakings by a Past Commander-in-Chief retired from office, who has come long distances to our various Encampments, uncompensated — a sterling type of man, a man with an infectiously genial nature, under whom it was always an inspiration to this Department to serve, a leader that we were always willing to follow. I present to you the Past Commander-in-Chief, Charles W. Newton.

DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT:

Comrades, let us give three cheers to Comrade Newton. (Rousing cheers and applause.)

CHARLES W. NEWTON:

Commander, Commander-in-Chief, and Comrades of the Department of New Work: The hour is late, and as I listen intently it seems to me that I hear the mess-call, and you know what that is to a soldier. Therefore I shall speak to you but a moment, just to say to you how happy I am to have the pleasure to again be present at your annual Encampment, and to pay my tribute of love and respect and admiration to your splendid Department Commander just retiring, and my congratulations to the splendid staff he has had about him which has produced such magnificent results for this Department and for our organization as a whole.

Last year it was my privilege to come to you with the message of the Administration in all its details. This year I come to you simply with my message of love and comradeship, and I am very happy when I can say that for the third time in my visiting your Encampment — the first at Elmira as your Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief; at Oswego as your Commander-in-Chief, and today as simply a private in the ranks — I find as I come among you that the slap on the shoulder is more hearty, and that the hand grasp is warmer than ever, and I hope it may ever be so as the years roll on. (Applause.)

I would be very glad to talk on the report of your Commander, as there are many things in there which interest me greatly, including the matter of the change of name, for which I have a deep conviction, and upon my recommendation was unanimously

passed with cheers in our National Encampment, but I shall not take your time for any of those subjects now, for the hour is late. If it should be my privilege to be here in your Encampment that long when those subjects are brought up, and if it be your pleasure, I should be glad to give to you my reasons for this change of name, but not to-day.

Last night at the banquet they assigned me the task of talking on "Comradeship," and what good is Comradeship in our organization if we do not stand up for the man who is down when you believe he is right, and so there is just one little point that I want to speak of in this report, because I believe I ought to do so for comradeship, and that is regarding Comrade Tucker of this Department. I have positive knowledge of the fact, and no one regrets any more than he does I assure you, of his inability to make good on the prize which he offered; but the fact remains, and the facts are that Comrade Tucker, in his efforts in a literary line for our organization, not only spent of his means, but spent to the last dollar of his means, even including a little home in which there was an equity, of which has been swallowed up in the rush of waters. Therefore, while I agree with your Commander in the matter of prizes, that they should be put up when offered, I would not be true to my comradeship if I did not take the opportunity to make this explanation in behalf of our National Historian, Comrade Tucker, of this Department.

Just one word more, and then I am through, and that is in regard to this article which appeared in the National Guard Magazine, detrimental to our organization, to which our Commander-in-Chief has referred. It was not published by Comrade Tucker. It was done absolutely without his knowledge. Since last February he has not had direct charge of that department, and has simply been sending to that magazine such literature as came in his hands which he could furnish, receiving no salary therefore, he having to work at his old trade. My answer to that article is, that if the editor of that magazine and every Comrade of this Department could have accompanied me to the National Convention at Tacoma last year, and have seen the comradeship there shown in our Organization and in Chicago, St. Paul, Butte, Seattle, Portland, Ore., San Francisco, Los Angeles, Colorado Springs, Denver, Omaha,

and around that circle, they would have seen whether this organization is going down. It is going up, and we will show them. (Applause.)

I will not take longer of your time. If it is possible for me to be with you, I will be glad to say some words to you at some other time, if it be my privilege. If I do not see you again, I will close in the words I said to you last night, "Ever remain friends of the old flag and of each other, boys." (Applause.)

COMRADE WALL:

I move you, sir, that we adjourn.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Before that motion is put Commander Gihon desires to say another word.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF GIHON:

Just one more word, Comrades. You know I stated last night that we were ridiculed a great deal because we did not do more fighting. I wonder how many of you know just how many skirmishes we had in the Spanish War and Philippine Insurrection and China. I doubt if there is a man in this entire Encampment who has any idea of it, and it certainly surprised me. I told Comrade Newton, and it surprised him. I want to give you figures. There were 826 skirmishes in the Spanish War and Philippine Insurrection and in China. Eight hundred and twenty-six! Just think of it! In 515 of those, men were either killed or wounded. Of course, some of those skirmishes were very small, but they were skirmishes nevertheless. This is from the official records at Washington. I have got the book in my room, and I can show it to you. It is the record used by the Pension Office in determining claims.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

This Encampment will now rise and proceed under the leadership of Comrade Daniel J. Murphy to headquarters for luncheon.

Morning session adjourned at 1:05 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

COMMANDER SIMMONS:

We will now be in order. We will listen to the report of the Committee on Special Resolutions.

Report of the Committee on Special Resolutions.

COMRADE HENRY DE WITT HAMILTON, Chairman of Committee on Special Resolutions:

Department Commander, the Committee on Resolutions respectfully report as follows:

Your Committee on Resolutions, to which were referred certain telegrams, respectfully report that after revising the text thereof, they caused the same to be transmitted, as follows:

1. *To the President, Beverly, Mass.:* The United Spanish War Veterans of the Department of New York, in Seventh Annual Encampment assembled at the Village of Saratoga Springs, this first day of August, 1910, send this message of good will to the Commander-in-Chief of the National forces and trust that Divine Providence will strengthen our President in his labors for the welfare of the Republic.

MAURICE SIMMONS,
Department Commander.

2. *To His Excellency, Charles E. Hughes, Governor of the State of New York, Executive Chamber, Albany, N. Y.:* The United Spanish War Veterans of the State of New York in Seventh Annual Encampment assembled at the Village of Saratoga Springs, this first day of August, 1910, send this message of greeting and good will, heartily congratulating you on your elevation to the Supreme Court bench.

MAURICE SIMMONS,
Department Commander.

3. *To the Department Encampment of California, United Spanish War Veterans, Sacramento, California:* The Comrades of the Department of New York in Encampment assembled at

Saratoga Springs, extend fraternal greetings to the great Department of California, and trust that wisdom and harmony may guide its deliberations.

E. W. LARKIN,
Department Adjutant.

4. *Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, Oyster Bay, N. Y.:* The Comrades of the Department of New York in Seventh Annual Encampment assembled at Saratoga Springs, send heartiest greetings.

MAURICE SIMMONS,
Department Commander.

COMRADE HAMILTON:

Your committee recommend that the following telegram be sent, pursuant to the motion of Comrade W. L. Ingraham of Colonel Walter Scott Camp No. 42:

Hon. William Sulzer, 115 Broadway, New York: The United Spanish War Veterans of the Department of New York, in annual encampment assembled, recognizing the service you have rendered in procuring the raising of the wreck of the Maine, and the recovery of the bones of our martyred Comrades, offer you, with all their hearts, their cordial thanks and their sincere sentiments of lifelong respect and regard.

MAURICE SIMMONS,
Department Commander.

COMRADE WALL:

I move you, sir, that the Encampment approve of the phraseology as read.

COMRADE INGRAHAM:

I second the motion. (Carried.)

COMRADE HAMILTON, Chairman of Committee on Special Resolutions:

The Honorable William Sulzer stands in closer relation to the Spanish War and to all who took part in it than any other citizen in the United States. He went to Congress in 1894 with the avowed purpose of making Cuba free. It was he who introduced

the first resolution in Congress sympathizing with the Cuban patriots; the first resolution granting belligerent rights to the Cubans; the first resolution recognizing the independence of Cuba; and the first resolution declaring war against Spain. For years he battled for the Cuban patriots and did more than any other man in the country to bring about their freedom. In 1898, Mr. Sulzer organized a regiment of infantry which was drilled and thoroughly equipped. Fourteen of its officers were graduates of the United States Military Academy of West Point. Mr. Sulzer was elected colonel (by a unanimous vote) and received the assurance of the Governor that the regiment would be mustered into service. The Governor's plan was changed, however, and Mr. Sulzer consoled himself by rendering distinguished services during the war as a member of the Committee on Military Affairs of the House of Representatives.

His services since the war are both too recent and too numerous to mention here. The passage of the pension bill relating to Spanish War Veterans, and of the bill for raising the Maine are only two of many things he has accomplished for our Comrades. But a tie even more tender and sacred — the death of his two brothers, Captain Raymond Sulzer and Lieutenant Thomas E. Sulzer, who in 1898 laid down their lives for the honor of the flag — binds to our hearts the heart of William Sulzer.

Colonel Henry W. Hubbell, Camp No. 24, having officially requested that steps be taken to bring about the election of the Honorable William Sulzer as an honorary member of our Order, your committee recognizing the pre-eminent position occupied by him in all that relates to the Spanish War, respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, by the United Spanish War Veterans of the State of New York, in annual Department Encampment assembled, That its representatives in the National Encampment be instructed to present the name of the Honorable William Sulzer for honorary membership and to use every proper means to secure his election.

COMRADE WALL:

I move you, sir, the adoption of the resolution as read.

COMRADE STEVENS:

Second that motion. (Carried.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

We have so many resolutions that here is the procedure we will follow. Instead of formally putting the motion, I will say, "Is there any objection to the resolution?" If I hear no objection it will stand adopted. I would suggest that we limit debate on each resolution by each speaker to five minutes, and I will entertain a motion now to that effect.

COMRADE TERRY:

I make a motion that discussion on such resolution be limited to five minutes.

COMRADE KYLE:

I second the motion. (Carried.)

COMRADE HAMILTON:

We also recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, The Department of New York in 1909 in encampment assembled, passed a resolution in favor of congressional action to raise the Maine, and inasmuch as a Comrade of this Order was instrumental in having a bill favorably reported and passed, be it, therefore,

Resolved, That we, the United Spanish War Veterans of the Department of New York in annual encampment assembled appreciating the efforts put forth by our Comrade, George Alvin Loud of Michigan in this behalf, hereby tender to him our recognition of his devotion to a noble cause; and be it,

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Comrade Loud, Au Sable, Michigan.

COMRADE STOBEE:

I move the adoption of this resolution.

COMRADE WALL:

I take pleasure in seconding that. (Carried.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

If there is no objection, I will define this as the course of procedure; that there will be no necessity for making a separate motion as to any resolution, that the fact that it is reported affirmatively by the Committee will carry with it a motion that it be adopted, and that the Department Commander will merely ask if there be any objection, and if there be no objection, the resolution will stand adopted without the formality of a motion.

COMRADE HAMILTON (continues reading).

WHEREAS, The Department of New York in 1909 in Encampment assembled passed a resolution in favor of congressional action to raise the Maine, and inasmuch as a member of the United States Senate was instrumental in having the bill passed for that purpose, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the United Spanish War Veterans of the Department of New York, in annual encampment assembled, deeply appreciate the efforts put forth in this behalf by Senator Charles Curtis, and his considerate treatment of the delegation from New York City on its visit to Washington, and in procuring for us an interview with the President of the United States, hereby offer to Senator Curtis our hearty thanks for his kindness; and be it further,

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Hon. Chas. Curtis, Topeka, Kan.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Any objection to that resolution? (After a pause.) It stands adopted.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The Committee on Special Resolutions will retire in order to conclude its labors. If there is no objection, pending the arrival of committee reports, I will leave unfinished business and go to new business. One of the matters under new business is the place of the next Encampment. I will ask the Adjutant if there are any invitations.

DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT:

I have one from Rochester. (Reads letter.)

THE ROCHESTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

July 30, 1910.

MAURICE SIMMONS, *Department Commander, United Spanish War Veterans, in Session at Saratoga, N. Y.:*

MY DEAR COMMANDER SIMMONS.—I am told that L. Boardman Smith Camp No. 25, United Spanish War Veterans is desirous of extending an invitation to the Department Encampment, State of New York to hold the annual session in Rochester in 1911.

I am further informed that the Committee while unanimously in favor of bringing the Encampment here desires to put forth the request that you meet in Rochester, in such a way as not to injure the chances of any other city particularly desirous of securing the Encampment, and yet at the same time assuring you of a most cordial welcome.

There will be assembled in your Encampment next week men who met at a Department Encampment held once before in Rochester and you know the effort that was made by the members of the local Camp of the United Spanish War Veterans and the city at large to give you a cordial welcome and entertainment at that time. This I feel safe in saying will be accorded you again, and in more volume due to your increased strength and importance as an organization.

Will you be so good as to read this invitation at a session of your Encampment and assure the assembled Comrades that we will be very glad to have you settle upon Rochester next year? We might add that we believe that not only you who attend the Encampment will have a good time, but it will strengthen the local organization here.

It is desired that if you decide to meet in Rochester that action be taken at this time in order that the local Comrades and the Chamber of Commerce, who will coöperate, will have ample time to complete all arrangements.

Most cordially yours,

ROCHESTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

(Signed) SIDNEY H. LEWIS,
Convention Secretary.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Are there any other invitations for the place of the next Encampment other than Rochester?

COMRADE F. C. HAINES of Niagara Falls:

They have taken that matter up, but it was not decided at the last meeting. That was about two weeks ago, when they held the last meeting, but it was not decided at that time whether they would ask for the Encampment there next year, so the only way I can do will be to take the matter up when I get back to Niagara Falls.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

There is nothing definite as to Niagara Falls.

COMRADE HALLER:

In view of the fact that we have only got one invitation for next year, and later developments may show that other Camps, after getting home, may decide that they want the Encampment, and the precedent established a year ago, which perhaps is a good one, I think it would be a good idea, and I move you, sir, that to the incoming Council of Administration be left the power of choosing the place of the next Encampment.

COMRADE STEVENS:

I second the motion. (Carried.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Have you, Comrade Wall, a report concerning the operation of the Poor Law?

COMRADE WALL:

It is a sort of a supplementary report.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I know the Encampment will be pleased to listen to it. Will you take the platform. This is very important, Comrades. You want to go back to your Camps and be able to report upon the nature and method of the operation of the Poor Law.

Supplementary Report of Committee on Administration of the Poor Law.SARATOGA SPRINGS, *August 1, 1910.**Department Commander and Comrades:*

One of the most beneficial laws on the statute books of this State is that one called, the Poor Law, which makes it impossible for any poor and distressed soldier, sailor or marine, or his dependants, to be placed in an almshouse, and provides that he must be taken care of in his home. This is a practical charity, and no one to-day dreams that he should ever be a party to an application for relief under the provisions of this law. Wealth and health are uncertain quantities in man's life, and with the loss of these, generally go our friendships. But having a good standing with a Camp of our Order, should easily, in the event of such distress bring a relief, which may not be large in figures, but substantial enough to bridge and to warrant his lasting gratitude. There is comfort for all in this law.

Up to this year the law made it necessary for the G. A. R. Posts to make the disbursements for us, as if we were minors. Most sections of the State, where our Order was a factor, had made amicable arrangements with the older body, thereby getting some of the fruits of the law. But there were sections not so happily situated. For the sake of these, at the last Encampment a resolution was adopted calling on the Department to urge an amendment to the Poor Law whereby we could make our own disbursements. The Legislature of 1910 passed such an amendment, and Governor Hughes signed same. This amendment now makes us a responsible party, and great care should be exercised to stay within the bounds of propriety, preserving the spirit of good citizenship, and upholding the dignity of our Order. Dereliction of duty toward the community granting moneys for relief purposes will militate against us, and bring upon our heads ridicule and censure. We must be as good citizens as we were warriors.

I am hoping that the good and fraternal feelings that have been engendered where relief had been vouchsafed our Comrades, remain unbroken, notwithstanding the enactment of this amend-

ment. I feel they should welcome the relief from this burden of labor and responsibility to make possible the utilization of their full strength in these later years for their own individual benefits. In Manhattan borough, as Chairman of the Council Relief Committee, I found a pleasant berth in arranging for relief at various times with the G. A. R. Post to which we were fraternally attached.

The eligibility of our distressed Comrades for the State Soldiers' Home should be greeted with delight, because many cases came to our attention, which we were compelled to ignore on account of insufficient legal means to place them in homes. This difficulty has now been overcome.

To speak further on this law must be superfluous. I might add, that the Finance Department of New York city has agreed to go ahead with the proper carrying out of the law as amended, and to that end is now printing application blanks in revised form for both orders of veterans. These should be ready inside of a week for distribution amongst the Camps.

Manhattan Borough has needed but \$50 since December 1, 1909, which simply shows that we are a healthy, if not a wealthy lot. But when a case did come to our attention, it was always found to be most worthy and urgent, and in several hours, sometimes, relief was granted. The tender gratitude of those so assisted can speak louder for the Poor Law than my feeble words.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) BERNHARDT WALL,
Chairman Relief Committee, Manhattan Borough Council.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

What is your pleasure concerning this special report?

COMRADE MCCARTHY:

Inasmuch as this is a special report, I move you, sir, that it be referred to the Committee on the State of the Organization.

COMRADE GREENBAUM:

I second the motion.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The motion is out of order. If there is no objection I will entertain a motion that the special report be accepted and spread upon the minutes of this Encampment.

COMRADE STEVENS:

I move its acceptance.

COMRADE GRANT:

I second that motion. (Carried.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

We will now listen to the report of the Committee on the State of the Organization.

Report of Committee on State of the Organization.

Your Committee on State of the Organization respectfully beg leave to submit the following report:

At the beginning of the sessions of this Committee it was determined, in view of the voluminous reports and numerous resolutions submitted to it, that only those matters ought to be considered by it which affected, in some obvious way, the present status of our Order, or which tended to permanently promote its prestige or future welfare. With the lines thus drawn the Committee, at the outset, referred various resolutions of an ephemeral nature to the Special Committee on Resolutions without the bias of suggestion or recommendation; believing that such matters had better be considered and passed upon in open Encampment. Our Committee accordingly approved and adopted the following recommendations and herewith respectfully submit them for your consideration.

Resolved, That the incoming Department Administration be required to inaugurate a comprehensive recruiting system.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Is there any objection to the adoption of that resolution? (After a pause.) Hearing none, it stands approved.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I will ask Comrade John H. Grant, of Buffalo, to preside for a few minutes.

Resolved, That the incoming administration be requested to make every effort to establish a district council, comprising the Camps in and about the State Capitol.

COMRADE GRANT, temporarily in chair:

Comrades, you have heard the recommendation of the Committee. Are there any objections to it. (After a pause.) Hearing none, the recommendation is adopted.

Resolved, That no Camp or Comrade be permitted to use the name of the Order or of any of its subordinate bodies in any political controversy in this Department.

COMRADE MENDELSON (Brooklyn):

I desire to state that that resolution is embodied in our National Rules and Regulations, and what is the use of making resolutions one after the other if they are already provided for?

COMRADE WOODHULL (New York):

In answer to Comrade Mendelson, through the chair I desire to state to the Commander and the delegates present that, as he says, it is embodied in the National Rules and Regulations, but what is the good of having them embodied in the National Rules and Regulations if they are violated? What good are the Rules and Regulations if you violate them, and I understand they have been violated.

COMRADE MAURICE SIMMONS (New York):

Agreeing with the statement that it is already embodied in the regulations — not that exactly, but the Order shall not engage in politics. Section 4, article 9, of the National Rules and Regulations, reads in part as follows:

“Members of the United Spanish War Veterans shall not use the Organization for political purposes, and no discussion of partisan questions shall be permitted at any of its meetings.” That same section provides, however, that we may engage in politics to the extent of antagonizing, as I recall it, any avowed enemies of the Order — page 25, section 4. There is no objection, however, to using all proper honest effort to promote legislation in a nonpartisan controversy which may be of interest to the Organization. Now, as I

take it, I do not think that that regulation debars us from fighting a man who is an avowed enemy of the Order — to fight him in a nonpartisan way. You need not take up the question of his political principles, but I think there has been some confusion in the Department as to the method of engaging in a political controversy. My idea — and I will move to amend that resolution in a moment — is that when any attempt is made to have a Camp or any portion of the Organization participate in a political campaign, that attempt should first get the written approval of the Department Commander, and that authorization be limited solely to waging the fight against the single individual who is an avowed enemy of any legislative measure of the Order. That is the recommendation, as I would like to present it to the Encampment, and, therefore, I move this particular amendment: The resolution be amended to read as follows: *Resolved*, That no Camp or Comrade be permitted to use the name of the Order or any of its subordinate bodies in any political controversy in this Department, except that a Camp or a Comrade may, under written authorization of the Department Commander, engage in a canvass against the personal candidacy of any avowed enemy of the legislative measures of the Order. I move that amendment.

COMRADE OATES:

I second that motion.

COMRADE ANTHONY J. GRIFFIN:

I would like to say on behalf of this committee that we gave this particular recommendation the most deliberate and full consideration of any matter or recommendation that we have made here to-day. The recommendation as originally made to us was substantially as contained in the amendment of our Department Commander, and with due respect to him we gave it full and complete consideration, but when we got down to examine just what that proposition meant we saw the great danger that lay in a proposition of that kind to our Order. It would be equivalent in our opinion to opening the flood-gates to all sorts of political controversies. If you put it within the power of any Department Commander, be he ever

so good, so noble, or so true — and we could have none better than our present Commander — to say to any particular Camp, “Here, you can go out in the political communities in your vicinity and wage warfare against this or that individual,” it would be a terrible stretch of authority. It would endanger the existence of this Order and tend to break it up into political divisions. Now, it was with full and careful consideration of the menace of that proposition that we finally rejected the project to give any such power to any Department Commander or to allow political controversies of any kind to creep into our Order, no matter how high or how noble the proposition or motive may be. Our committee sought to eliminate all sorts of political controversies, and that was the reason that we framed the resolution in that way, absolutely cutting off the possibility of any political discussion whatever; and I think it wise, and I stand upon this platform to urge you gentlemen to carefully consider before you alter the proposition as submitted by this committee.

COMRADE MAURICE SIMMONS:

The primary motive of my recommendation was to prevent general onslaughts on parties and candidates. My information at headquarters during the last term was that general onslaughts have been made on particular candidates and parties, and they have absolutely nothing to do with our organization or any of its measures; but in view of the fact that this Encampment now knows just how we stand on this proposition, that we are utterly against using the name of the Order upon transparencies of any kind, I withdraw my amendment.

COMRADE COUET:

I move the the previous question.

COMRADE MAURICE SIMMONS:

I second it. (Carried.)

Resolved, That a measure be introduced at the next State legislative session, amending section 23, article 2, chapter 15, Laws 1909, being chapter 7 of the Consolidated Laws, known as the Civil Service Law, by providing that all honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines, who served during the recent war

with Spain, or the incidental insurrection in the Philippine Islands, prior to July 4, 1902, who shall hereafter be unjustly removed from public employment, shall upon due reinstatement be reimbursed for back pay.

COMRADE GRANT, temporarily in chair:

As there is no objection, the recommendation will stand approved by the encampment.

Resolved, That a measure be introduced at the next congressional session granting the widows and dependents of all honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines who served during the recent war with Spain, or the incidental insurrection in the Philippine Islands prior to July 4, 1902, the privileges now enjoyed under the federal pension laws, by the widows and dependents of all other classes of veterans, and that New York's delegates to the National Encampment be instructed to submit and vote for the adoption of a resolution embodying the foregoing. (Adopted.)

Resolved, That in order to effectuate the resolutions of this Encampment, which, pursuant to section 2, of article 6, of the National Rules and Regulations is the supreme governing body of the Department, Department Commanders are hereby directed and authorized to subject to disciplinary measures any delegate from this Department to National Encampment who shall vote thereat contrary to the expressed wishes and instructions of this Encampment. (Adopted.)

Resolved, That a measure be introduced at the next congressional session granting a preference in appointment and promotion to, and retention in federal employment to all honorably discharged veterans of the wars of the Republic; that New York's delegates to the National Encampment be instructed to submit and vote for the adoption of resolution embodying the foregoing. (Adopted.)

Resolved, That a measure be introduced at the next congressional session authorizing and directing the War Department to issue stands of arms and ammunition to our Camps for funeral escorts, color guards, and in order to promote the formation of rifle clubs; that New York's delegates to the National Encampment be instructed to submit and vote for the adoption of a resolution embodying the foregoing. (Adopted.)

Resolved, That the United Spanish War Veterans take steps to have the present custom of saluting the colors rescinded and a return made to the old way of uncovering, and that New York's delegates to the National Encampment be instructed to submit and vote for the adoption of a resolution embodying the foregoing. (Adopted.)

Resolved, That a copy of the proceedings of this Encampment be sent each delegate in attendance at this Encampment. (Adopted.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

You have voluminous reports yet to be heard, and I notice by to-morrow's program you will have to have two sessions. I do not think we can finish the business in one. I am confident we cannot. You can either have one session to-night instead of attending the ball, or have that session to-morrow afternoon. I would like to hear a motion as to that.

COMRADE HERRICK:

I offer a motion that if we can get the assurance of enough delegates to attend that we have a session to-night.

COMRADE GREENBAUM:

I second the motion.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The motion is that when we do adjourn we adjourn to reconvene at 8 o'clock at the hall across the street.

COMRADE WOODHULL:

I would like to ask the Comrades just one question. Do you think that we are treating the Saratoga boys squarely in holding a session in the evening after making all arrangements for our entertainment to-night?

The motion was put by the Department Commander as to whether adjournment be taken until 8 o'clock, and was lost.

COMRADE STOBBE:

I now move you, Commander, that we adjourn until to-morrow morning at 9:30.

A VOICE:

Second the motion. (Carried.)

The afternoon session adjourned at 6:30 P. M.

MORNING SESSION.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The Encampment will come to order. I will call for the report of the Prize Committee.

Report of Committee on Prizes.

COMRADE MORGAN (chairman of Prize Committee):

Comrade Commander and Comrades.—I will read the Department order on the prize question, and then submit my report. I read from General Order of November 16, 1909:

RECRUITING PRIZES.

For the greatest net increase of membership exclusive of gains by transfer during the term June 30, 1909, June 30, 1910, the following premiums will be presented at the next Department Encampment:

First prize of \$100, open to all Camps of official membership of fifty and over, donated by Comrade William D. Tucker, of Old Guard Camp No. 19, editor of the U. S. W. V. division of the National Guard Magazine.

Second prize of \$50, open to all Camps of an official membership of less than fifty, donated by Comrade Arthur E. Luzzi, Major Frank Keck Camp No. 53.

Inasmuch as Comrade Tucker, through financial reverses, has been unable to make good on the \$100 prize, after mature thought the committee decided that it would divide the \$50 prize into two \$25 prizes, one for each class, and I hereby submit the following report. The prize winners are: the Camp of over fifty members, Manhattan Camp No. 1, with an increase of sixty members; the Camp of less than fifty members, David Wilson Camp No. 59, with an increase of forty-three members.

COMRADE GRANT:

I move that the report of the Prize Committee be accepted.

COMRADE HOLMES:

I second the motion. (Carried.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

If there be any Comrade here who feels that he has an abundance of the golden things of life and desires to offer any premium, either for increase in recruiting or for the best unitormed Camp, or the Camp that has the best ritual, and feels that his prosperous condition will permit him to offer a prize to the Department, he can do so before we adjourn.

Entrance of Past Commander-in-Chief Newton, Rev. Father John P. Chidwick, and Rev. Father P. H. McLoughlin.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

On behalf of this Encampment, I open up our hearts in greeting to you gentlemen. I am going to ask the Rev. Father McLoughlin to open up this session with prayer.

Prayer offered by the Rev. Father P. H. McLoughlin, of St. Peter's Church, Saratoga Springs.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Comrades, we are singularly fortunate at this session in being permitted to have present with us one of the noted figures in one of the pivotal events of the war in which we participated, and it is my pleasure to call upon the distinguished chaplain of the ill-fated battleship Maine, whose heroic and spiritual services in that trying hour of death have earned for him the laurels of our affection and inscribed his name indelibly on the pages of the annals of that war. I ask that you listen to shipmate, Rev. Father John P. Chidwick. (Cheers.)

REV. FATHER JOHN P. CHIDWICK:

Commander-in-Chief, members of the Encampment: This is quite a great surprise for me this morning, as I had no idea that this honorable distinction of being a special guest at your meeting would be given to me. I remember reading a story one time of a famous Senator in Washington, who had breakfasted upon beef-steak and onions and afterwards received a bill for \$2 for his breakfast. He generally had breakfasted for about fifty cents. Going out of the hall, he met a friend coming for his breakfast, and he said to him, "James, I suppose you are coming in to take your breakfast," and James admitted that he was, and he said, "I will tell you something good for breakfast this morning. Try

beefsteak and onions. They are delicious." At first the friend protested, he said, "I like beefsteak well enough, but I am going to a little reception this morning, and I am afraid the onions might take my breath." Whereat the Senator said, "Now, don't mind that. Try the beefsteak and onions, and when you get your bill, that will take your breath away." (Laughter.) Well, I had just finished my breakfast this morning and had no onions with my beefsteak; no need of having my breath taken away, when Father McLoughlin came and told me that you had conferred upon me the distinction, as it were, the privilege of your platform. I am very grateful to you for this honor.

You and I are joined together by links which, perhaps, are the strongest which can bind hearts in union. There is no power so strong to rivet men as the power of war. The sacrifices that men make, giving up their homes and their wives and their children, and the comfort that men feel in looking into the eyes of their Comrades, and feeling the clasp of the Comrade's hand, and feeling, that in return for all the sacrifices that they have made, a Comrade's heart is trying to do the best it can to make him forget, or at least to bear with him,—these are the friendships that are strong and are fostered in the ranks of our men in the Army and the Navy in time of war. They are friendships which cannot be easily forgotten; they are friendships which cannot be laid aside without a struggle; I know of nothing in life that can be harder to forget, and I am sure it is the same with you. We gather at these Encampments, my good men, not for the purpose of continuing war, not for the purpose of glorying over a conquered nation, not for the purpose of even glorying in our own deeds; but we gather to express our sympathy for those who have fallen, our sorrow for the nation that demanded the sacrifices, and our joy and gratitude to God for the placing of victory which perched upon our banners. (Applause.) I do not think that any person so detests war as he who has known what war is. Those who have never been amid the hardships and trials of the campaign, who have never suffered the self-denial that is demanded of the soldier and sailor during the time of war,—these may prate of war in their safe seclusion either in office or in home; but men who have known war, men who have known what it is to say the last good-bye, to give the last kiss of affection, to close their eyes

upon their loved ones, men who know what it is to see those around them sick and dying, whom they had known only a few hours before in full health and robust constitution, those who have seen a battlefield with the dead and the dying around them, and have known and have guessed, or rather have imagined, the homes which were made desolate and sad by the loss of their dear ones,— these men do not long for war. They detest the awful horror that has brought such a calamity upon the conquering and the conquered. They are willing to do their utmost that such a calamity will never occur again; but if, in God's Providence, war might still seem to be necessary and justifiable for the honor of their country, much as they detest it, their heart's blood will be given, as once it was offered, that the honor of the country might still be maintained and her peace and prosperity be perpetuated. (Applause.) Our country must look to you, my men, not only as her strong defenders in time of war, but also as her chief champions in time of peace. No men in our country love the flag— let me say as a body— equally with you. I hear it said by civilians that it was impossible for them to go to the war. It was impossible for them to give up their business, to sacrifice their families, to leave their wives and children upon the cold charity of the world; but while I sympathize with them, while in many cases I heartily indorse them, still I cannot help but feel that the men who went to the war had the same sacrifices to make. (Applause.) While you offered these sacrifices so generously in time of war, never forget, my men, that you are to offer the same sacrifices for the honor of our country in times of peace. No country fears war—that is to say, fears that her defenders will be few in time of war, for there is something in the clarion call, there is something in the bugle note, there is something in the human blood that answers to the call of country, so that nearly every country may rally around her safely, her thousands and her hundreds of thousands. But it is when the bugle notes are silent, in the time of peace, when the blood is not stirred within us, when our minds are clear, and when we are engrossed with our own individual affairs,— it is then that we show our truest patriotism, when no longer stirred with enthusiasm, and no longer overbalanced in our judgment, we hold first and foremost above ourselves, above our homes, and above every-

thing we have under God, the flag and the standard of our nation. (Applause.) No party in our political life is to be preferred to our flag — the honor of the flag. No individual interest, no selfish mission in seeking after preferment, not even the support of our own families, should appeal to us more strongly than should appeal to us the safety of our country and the honor of her good name. (Applause.) When speaking of your love for the flag, I recall, my good men, those days when you made these sacrifices, how you paraded down the streets of your towns and cities with the flag floating ahead of you, your wives and your mothers and your dear ones along the line of march, when these sacrifices — that you were making seemed to be concentrated all in that tearful glance which last they gave you as you passed them by, and how the full force of that glance was felt in your heart as you never felt it before, but still what beckoned you on was the flag that preceded you, and the voice of that flag spoke to you in stronger tones than the voice of your wife or your children. (Applause.) In the field of battle, when the flag was raised in triumph, there was nothing that stirred your blood with greater enthusiasm than to see its folds raised again above the thick of battle; or if the flag should droop into disaster, there is nothing on earth that would make your hearts sink lower than to see the flag drooping thus in defeat. So the voice of the flag has always appealed to you as the most sacred human thing on earth. I can imagine some of you sick, sick perhaps in your tents, and as on a bed of fever you thought of home and of little ones, and you thought of the sacrifices that you were making, and you wondered if really the return of a nation's gratitude were equal to the sacrifices that you were offering, and in that depression of spirits that would come over you from time to time, when things seemed dark and pessimistic, I can see you looking out from the open flap of your tent, and your eyes falling upon the flag as it floated in the early morning sunlight, I can hear the voice of that flag speaking to you as it never spoke before, rebuking you in your pessimism and cheering you on in your sacrifices, telling you that what you had done, after all was really a good and a holy thing, that seventy millions of people who were blessed by the victories that were won under that standard were standing by your bedside, praying for you, praying that

God would give you strength, and promising to remember your sacrifices as long as the country would live. (Applause.) And at that moment your heart went out to the flag as it never went out before, for all that that flag said to you, for all that that flag meant to you, and, my good men, in time of peace, as well as in time of war, let your mind go back to those days when the flag spoke these things to you, and let it urge you now, as it urged you then, to be willing to do everything you can, to offer every sacrifice that might be asked of you in order that our country indeed might be, as we want her to be, as we pray her to be, not only the foremost but the best, not only the richest, but the most blessed under Heaven of all the countries by which any children of God are blessed, that we might call her of all the most beautiful, the most bountiful, the most blessed, and the best. (Applause.)

COMRADE CULKIN:

I move you, sir, that this encampment tender a vote of thanks to Chaplain Chidwick for his presence here to-day and for his most eloquent and patriotic address, and that his address, as delivered, be spread upon the minutes of this encampment.

COMRADE MORRIS:

I second the motion. (Carried.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The Adjutant will call the Camps by number, and as each Camp is called, its representative will announce to the Adjutant the name and address of such Comrade of the Camp as actually intend to attend the Denver Encampment, in order that we may communicate with National Headquarters.

Roll called by Adjutant, and the following names were given as those who intended to attend the National Encampment of the U. S. W. V., to be held at Denver, Colorado, on August 29th, 30th and 31, 1910:

No.	Camp.	Representative.	Address.
2.	Marcus D. Russell...	Wm. Cunningham	Troy, N. Y.
3.	Thomas H. Barber...	Irving Holchen	Binghamton, N. Y.
4.	Wm. H. Hubbell.....	C. P. Hamilton.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.
		H. A. F. Young.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.
		H. E. Smith.....	175 Remsen st., Brooklyn, N. Y.
		Joseph Bernard	Denver, Col.
8.	Wm. R. Carmer.....	Carl R. Hexamer.....	138 Crary ave., Mt. Ver- non, N. Y.
9.	Warren A. Wilson...	R. A. Hall, Jr.....	Glens Falls, N. Y.

No.	Camp.	Representative.	Address.
11.	Gen. Eugene Griffin..	Wm. H. Banker.....	Boise, Idaho.
14.	14th Regiment	John F. Creighton.....	7th ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.
16.	Ad. Schley Naval....	Chas. Hilton	Brooklyn, N. Y.
19.	Old Guard	Anthony J. Griffin.....	140 Nassau st., New York.
		Maurice Simmons	198 Broadway, New York.
20.	Jos. S. Decker.....	John T. Oates.....	5207 5th ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.
20.	Jos. S. Decker.....	John F. O'Rourke.....	52 Gordon st., Staten Is- land.
29.	W. S. Overton.....	J. Munson	Denver, Col.
37.	Norman W. Crosby..	Geo. J. Sawyer.....	13 Bank st., New Ro- chelle, N. Y.
44.	John K. Sague.....	Capt. Wm. Burnette.....	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
52.	F. C. Warner.....	Carl B. Hammond.....	Ilion, N. Y.
53.	Major Frank Keck...	H. C. H. Stewart.....	Army and Navy Club, New York.
		J. A. Herron.....	Army and Navy Club, New York.
		A. E. Luzzi.....	Army and Navy Club, New York.
59.	David Wilson	Frank R. McCarthy.....	2038 Washington ave., New York.
82.	Ad. Jos. B. Coghlan..	Wm. G. Vance.....	462 Lynwood ave., Brook- lyn, N. Y.
89.	Gen. Joe Wheeler....	Capt. E. D. Townsend...	2005 Amsterdam ave., New York.

Department Commander requested Past Commander-in-Chief Newton to take the chair temporarily.

PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF NEWTON:

In acknowledging the honor of presiding over the encampment of the great Department of New York, I simply desire to say that I have listened with a great deal of pleasure to the answers which have been made to this roll-call. I have had it deeply at heart since our experience at Tacoma, in which the great Department of New York, to your discredit, sent us but two representatives, and I am very glad of this opportunity to say to you how pleased I am to know — while it is not my administration — that we are to have with us at Denver such splendid representatives of this Department.

COMRADE OATES:

I received a telegram this morning from Past Department Commander C. A. Simmons, and it may be well to have it read:

ROCHESTER, N. Y., August 2, 1910.

JOHN T. OATES, *U. S. W. V., Encampment, Saratoga Springs:*

When your judgment dictates read fraternal greeting to my Comrades assembled in Encampment at Saratoga, and congratulations on the work of the past year, and earnest hopes that election will put in office loyal Comrades who will labor to continue the growth and extend the influence of our fraternal Order.

(Signed) C. A. SIMMONS.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

If there is no objection, the Adjutant will be directed to acknowledge that communication in writing, thanking Past Department Commander Charles A. Simmons.

COMRADE GARRETT V. JOHNSON:

Comrades, General Eugene Griffin Camp No. 11 is proud to offer to this Encampment, through the courtesy of our Past Commander Bert Secor, of Schenectady, a prize of twenty-five (\$25) dollars, to the Camp with an initial membership of 100, or less, making the largest gain in membership, not including transfers, as shown by the semi-annual returns from July 1, 1910, to June 30, 1911. (Applause.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

We certainly appreciate the generosity of the offer. There is a recommendation with reference to prizes that will be reported out of committee, and as soon as that recommendation is acted upon by the Encampment, I will take up the acceptance of this offer. We will now have the report of the committee on rules and regulations.

COMRADE COURT, chairman of Committee on Rules and Regulations:

In order to facilitate the transaction of adopting these resolutions, I would suggest, and I move that these resolutions as read be adopted without the necessity of a separate motion for each one, unless there be an objection to it.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

We have already adopted such a course of procedure.

COMRADE COURT (reading):

WHEREAS, the Poor Law of this State provides that no veteran shall become an inmate of any alms house or poor house;

Resolved, That this Encampment recommend to the ensuing National Encampment, a proviso in the Rules and Regulations that among the duties of Camp Surgeons will be their duty to ascertain the number, if any, of veterans of the Spanish War who are inmates of alms houses in their several localities and make an annual report

of the names of such veterans and the places where located to the Department Surgeons, who, in annual Encampment, will make a report thereof. (Adopted.)

Resolved, That we commend the resolution of the last National Encampment tentatively changing the name of the Order to "Spanish War Veterans," approve the action of our Council of Administration in endorsing said proposed change, and hereby instruct the New York delegates to the approaching National Encampment to vote to amend the National Rules and Regulations in order to affect said change.

This resolution has been disapproved by the Committee by a vote of three to two.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Before acting upon that proposition, we have here the Past Commander-in-Chief who made the recommendation for the change of name, and who has very courteously consented to stay here in order to assist us with his counsel in our deliberations.

COMRADE GARRETT V. JOHNSON:

To bring that directly before the encampment, I move to nonconcur in the recommendation of the committee.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I do not think that would be necessary under the course of procedure we adopted, but what I was going to suggest was, that we have heard from the Commander-in-Chief, who is opposed to any change of name, and if there is no objection we should like to hear from the Past Commander-in-Chief who recommended the change. Is there any objection?

COMRADE CHAS. W. NEWTON (Past Commander-in-Chief):

Commander and Comrades.—I desire first of all to ask your consideration for my appearing before you in citizen's clothes, but it is my desire to leave for home as early as possible after leaving here.

We have over in Connecticut a very distinguished politician who has gone down to posterity with the expression,

"God Almighty hates a quitter," and I believe that the boys who went to Boston in that memorable fight of 1908 realized that there was none of that qualification in my nature, and I have endeavored by every manly course possible to make good, mainly with New York, at every opportunity, and I believe that by doing so I have gotten a place in the hearts of the Comrades of New York, which is very close and very dear. Am I right? (Cries of "Right" and applause.)

Out at Tacoma where that resolution was offered, it was passed by an absolutely unanimous vote with cheers. Now, this is not detrimental to our Commander-in-Chief, with the exception that I had no idea whatever of entering into a discussion of your affairs in this encampment until I heard the remarks from our distinguished visitor yesterday in opposition to the resolution for which he had voted and cheered in Tacoma, and I therefore made up my mind that I thought it was only just and due to one who always fights a fair fight, where it is possible for him to do so — and it always has been, I trust, possible for me — that I lay before you the reasons why I made such a suggestion for such an all-important matter. Now, I do not know whether the majority of the Comrades here had the opportunity of reading from the copy of our proceedings what I had to say on the subject. Unless there is objection, I will take just a moment of your time to read from my report at Tacoma, under the heading, "Change of Name." There had been a resolution offered to change the name of our organization to the United States War Veterans, which had been disapproved. (Quotes portion of report herein mentioned.) That is the history of the movement to change our name. The reason against it, and practically the only real reason that amounts to anything, that has come to my attention, has been the matter of expense. Now, I consider the figures which were used by our Commander-in-Chief yesterday to be absolutely excessive in every possible way. Now, the great mass and majority of the colors of our organization bear the "Spanish War Veterans" name. It is on the streamers. There are comparatively few in our 650 Camps which have on the Camp colors "United Spanish War Vet-

erans" either embroidered or printed. The little button which they would have to change—I defy anybody, unless he has a magnifying glass, to read what appears on that button, and further than that, how many Comrades to-day are wearing the old button which says, "Spanish War Veterans?" Now, who is going to get a microscope to examine whether it is an old button with the word "United," or whether it is a new button with simply "Spanish War Veterans." You take your badge that you are wearing here, and where do you get your name? If you want to find your word "United" turn it over on the back side. Upon the bar, way up here (indicating) is the little word "United," but your badge proper—the cross—bears the name, "Spanish War Veterans."

Now, they speak about the great expense of stationery, of changing of dies, and of all that sort of thing. I guarantee that there is not a Camp in this country that would not go ahead and use what stationery it had. They would not go to work and throw it away; it is not necessary. There are those departments in the organization which have their colors under the name of "Spanish War Veterans," and they are carrying it to-day.

Then there is another objection. They say anybody is a Spanish War Veteran who has served in the war with Spain. To be sure, they can say so, but how many of you have ever met a man who was out in the service and who says he was out in the war with Spain, and have said to that Comrade, "Do you belong to the United Spanish War Veterans?" You say to that man, "Are you a member of our organization?" You don't say, "Do you belong to the United Spanish War Veterans?" That is not a question to ask a man, and when they say any body of men can get together and form an organization and call themselves Spanish War Veterans, how true and yet how small the chance! Here is our organization which has been fighting with such men as you before me. Fighting to increase our organization, to build it up all these years. What chance at this day for another body in this country to come forward and call themselves "Spanish War Veterans?"

One great thing that impressed itself upon me and caused me to make that recommendation in that report was the fact, which cannot be denied, that the people of this country invariably designate us as the Spanish War Veterans. I have at home in my office a bushel basket full of letters and literature of every description which came to me and in which we are designated as "Spanish War Veterans." Now, I say, what is the use of fighting against fate and bearing a name which misleads people? Out in Tacoma I received two telegrams; one of them was brought right to the desk. One of them was from the President of the United States, and addressed to me as "Charles W. Newton, Commander-in-Chief of the Spanish War Veterans." Later on in the telegram we were called "the organization," and in its congratulations, "The United States Spanish War Veterans." Now, there is your word "United" brought in there. They gave us the name which the country gives us — the Spanish War Veterans — and then mixed it with our word "United" and get it in on the end "United States Spanish War Veterans."

I think your Commander had his little experience in the last Roosevelt reception. I had that same experience all over this country, and I was heralded everywhere as representing the Spanish War Veterans. I do not think that the Comrades of this organization as a whole realize the extent to which we are designated as "Spanish War Veterans." I am going to ask about five minutes of your time just to give you a little information on that subject. (Quotes from clippings cut from various newspapers, periodicals, announcements and notices, showing that reference to the organization is always made as the "Spanish War Veterans.")

There is one point more. I want to go back to Massachusetts, and if you will take a trip with me back on the train, we will swing around by National Headquarters, and when we get to the building we will go up four or five flights, and as we do so, when we enter the door to National Headquarters, we will find emblazoned on there, "National Headquarters, Spanish War Veterans."

Over in New York they invited me to come to the Ulmer Park games. What did you do when you got me there?

You pinned a badge on me which read, "Referee, Spanish War Veterans."

We come along to the "U. S. W. V. Review," which you are talking about adopting as our national paper, and in this one, which is the May edition, our organization is designated five times as "Spanish War Veterans." In the last issue, just out (July number) our official magazine — if you call it such — calls us "Spanish War Veterans" nineteen times.

If you will do as I did and just notice where you see the words "Spanish War Veterans" or "United Spanish War Veterans," as designating our organization, you will then begin to realize what I realized when I made my recommendation, that do what you may, fifty years from now when the last of us will have passed away — God knows I myself will be gone long before — the people and the press will still be calling us "Spanish War Veterans." The little expense of \$300 at National Headquarters for the changing of some of those dies — what does it amount to?

By adopting this name we are what we should be and that we are, whether we want to be or not. We are to the people of the country the "Spanish War Veterans," and I believe that it is best for this organization, as I reported there in my recommendation, that we adopt the name. The Government of the United States does not recognize any name, does not recognize the Spanish-American War. The only name they recognize is the "War with Spain," which means "Spanish War Veterans." I won't take any more of your time, but I would like to, because it is a subject deep in my heart and conviction, to say that now is the time when this name should be adopted, and we should stand before the country in the proper light, as we are, and always will be — "Spanish War Veterans." (Applause.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The recommendation is that we disapprove of the resolution recommending the change of name, that is, the committee recommends that the name "United Spanish War Veterans" stand. If you vote to sustain the Committee, you vote that the name of the Order remains "United Spanish

War Veterans." Now, this is open for discussion. We have heard it pretty thoroughly discussed.

COMRADE DRISCOLL:

I will be very brief. I want to state, relative to the word "United," even though the people outside of the organization do not use it, or do not approve of it — the fact is, they do not know anything about it — we know that we are united and we are going to stay united in this organization. We know what the word signifies to the organization and to the name of the organization. If we were not a united organization, we would not get the Poor Law, we would not get the Printing Law and other legislation through. Therefore, I make the suggestion that this Department in session here to-day discuss it thoroughly. I am not going to make any motion, but I want it thoroughly discussed, and I approve that the word "United" stand as it is to-day. (Applause.)

COMRADE SWARTWOOD:

As our Camps expect our delegates to go and do as they are intructed, I come here as instructed on this one point, and I wish to go on record as following out my instructions. My Camp is strictly adverse to the change of name. First and foremost of its reasons is that its charter hanging on its walls would be changed. It would have to have a new charter, and the name thereon of our Past Commander-in-Chief would be obliterated. They do not want their charter cut out and another one substituted. They want the same one. They believe that the name "United" stands, as I believe, being a man from your southern states, for united North and South, as well as all the rest of it. We say there is no North, no South, but one united people. We have no North, no South, no East, and no West, but one grand united country. (Applause.) The Spanish War undoubtedly is the one that brought us together. The Spanish War united. That is what made it united, and that is the reason we want it to still remain there, because it did unite, and we want it "United Spanish War Veterans," not "Spanish War Veterans," and as representing West Point Camp, I make these few remarks.

COMRADE OATES:

As the only delegate who attended from this Department at the Tacoma Encampment, I desire to state, after having many consultations with the delegates throughout the country in that city assembled on that occasion, and finding that they were heartily in favor of the change of name, I stood with them, and it was a unanimous vote. I was brought to this conclusion due to the fact that in my home town frequently many of our best people, in talking of the Spanish War Veterans, often say to me, "Didn't you fellows have enough of fighting during the Spanish War? Why was it necessary to have fighting after?" Upon making further inquiry I found that they confounded what they considered fighting with the word "United." They assumed that we had a great fight after the war among different factions, and it was necessary to show to the people that we were united, and taking that into consideration, and the fact that the Commander-in-Chief had given to us such an admirable administration, I felt that as a delegate from this Department, it was my duty, in conjunction with the delegates throughout the country, to support the change of name. That is my report.

COMRADE MURPHY:

The people in this country know the "Spanish War Veterans." They know that we are united. They do not need the word as a prefix to know that we are united. They judged us from the different Department Encampments in the various States and in the National Encampments wherever held. Personally, I had favored a name like the "Spanish War Veterans," but I believed that we were all good soldiers, and I felt that I could take my medicine with the others in the Department of New York, when, as I understood, this was passed unanimously at the National Encampment, representing every state in the Union. As I understand it, every delegate who went there was sent there instructed on matters that pertained to his State, and that it is customary, where the delegates are not instructed on any particular point, they can use their own good judgment in the vote. It has been customary in this Encampment, and I believe in all bodies of

intelligent men, to support their delegates in their vote where it is given with their best judgment. Immediately following that, the first occasion that we had to use the name "Spanish War Veterans" in New York, as I considered myself a good "Spanish War Veteran"—a good "United Spanish War Veteran,"—and I felt bound by the advice of that Encampment at Tacoma, in the literature which we published I omitted the name "United." We are united in New York, and it was not necessary to have it prefixed to any literature that we then published. Whether we did it or not, it is never used in the press. We are simply known as the "Spanish War Veterans." When I had the honor to be elected a member of the United Spanish War Veterans I was elected a member of the Spanish War Veterans, and we were only termed "United" when we were united with the Spanish American War Veterans and the Service Men of the Spanish War. We were later united with the Legion of Massachusetts, but I am quite sure that no citizen of these United States who knows the Spanish War Veterans thinks for a moment that we are not united, or that it is necessary to have that emblazoned upon any flag or pennant, or any literature that is issued by the Spanish War Veterans. It seems to me that this having been proposed, carried and ratified unanimously by our National Encampment at Tacoma, that as good soldiers, as good Spanish War Veterans, as good United Spanish War Veterans, we should abide by the result, and I certainly oppose the recommendation of the committee, and as a good soldier I stand for the change of name.

DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT:

I simply want to ask a question. As a point of information, on the statute books of the State of New York there are thirty-one laws affecting our organization. They are there in the name of the "United Spanish War Veterans." What I want to know is, if the name is changed to "Spanish War Veterans," will we have to go to work and have them re-enacted in the Legislature?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I will answer that, "No." Shall we close discussion? All those in favor of closing discussion, say "Aye." All those in favor of sustaining the committee's recommendation that the name remain "United Spanish War Veterans" will say "Aye." All those opposed will say "No." (Carried.)

A VOICE:

I ask for a division.

On division there were — Ayes 69, Noes 52.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The report of the Committee is sustained. For the Chairman of the Committee of Rules and Regulations, the reading of the report will be continued by Junior Vice-Commander Francis D. Culkin.

COMRADE GRANT:

Before that proceeds, there was no formal action announced regarding the duties of Camp Surgeons.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The Committee recommended the adoption and there was no objection to it.

COMRADE GRANT:

You did not announce it.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I announce now that the first recommendation of the Committee, in the absence of objection, stands adopted.

COMRADE GRANT:

I did not wish to be misunderstood. I wanted it to go on record, that is all.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

We will suspend for a moment to permit action on some short reports. In connection with the report of the Committee on Prizes, I will call for the presentation of the prizes. The prize about to be presented was the offering of one of the finest types of comradeship in our Order. He is one of those men of mature brain and large heart, who, although busy with momentous pro-

jects of his own, is glad to give up his leisure time to our great patriotic work. I call upon the donor of the prize, Comrade Arthur E. Luzzi.

COMRADE LUZZI:

Department Commander and Comrades.—The last time I had the pleasure of being with you I had a frog in my throat, and I could not say a word above a whisper. This time I have a few golden eagles in my pocket, and I believe “money talks,” but I shall not inflict a speech upon you. I leave that for the more grandiloquent and masterful orators.

I want to congratulate Commander Downs upon the splendid showing of Manhattan No. 1. I am sorry he will not get first prize. Commander Parker of Wilson Camp No. 59, I also wish to congratulate upon his splendid showing, and I express my further appreciation in donating, through your Department Commander Simmons, second prize.

And, with regard to this young gentleman (indicating the Department Commander) some of these days, when he is of age, I am going to see that he is sent to Washington, and if he does not pass every bill that we frame, we will use our cudgel on him. I want to say that we are very sorry that we are going to lose one of the worthiest Department Commanders we have known. Just to show now how we feel toward him, I will propose three cheers for the future Commander-in-Chief Maurice Simmons. (Three cheers given.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER (presenting prize of \$25 to Manhattan Camp No. 1, in trust of Officer of the Guard Rowe, of said Camp):

You are hereby authorized to deliver this sum to Manhattan Camp No. 1, and not to lose it on the way down.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Commander Parker, your Camp was the winner of the first prize last year. With a persistency that we commend, you still have five fingers out for the Department's money. In delivering this to you, I charge you to beware of the opening of the racing season to-morrow. (Applause.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

We have with us one of the men who during the past two years has carved the name of the Department of New York in letters of gold on the tablets of our Order — the best Department Inspector we ever had, Frank D. Lakestream. (Applause.)

COMRADE LAKESTREAM:

Department Commander, Past Commander-in-Chief, my Comrades.— They say that time and tide waits for no man. The boat waited for me last night, as they knew that I was coming. While I sang my swan song to Manhattan Borough Council about six weeks ago, and shortly thereafter reiterated the statement in a letter to our Department Commander, that I would not be at this session, the call within me was too strong to resist. (Applause.) And, like the Arab with his tent, who folded it up and stole away, so did I steal. The result: I am with you to-day to see the finish of what I understand has been a very strenuous, although pleasant, and harmonious session.

In line with my work as Inspector, the duty devolves upon me to present two prizes. If you paid attention to my report, which I believe was read before you, you will note therein mention of the fact that Comrade Beckhardt, of Wilson Camp No. 59 — I almost said Manhattan, but we had to take him into Wilson Camp to develop him — offered prizes for increase of membership in the inspection district to which he had been assigned, and this is his letter:

NEWARK, N. J., *August 1, 1910.*

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER SIMMONS, *Saratoga Springs, N. Y.:*

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE.— Did not present the fobs to the winning Comrades as I only received the other one late on Saturday evening, and as you suggested to me that they be presented at the Department Encampment, I have this day sent them by special delivery addressed to you for presentation.

At the time I inspected Old Guard Camp No. 19, New York City No. 23, Hubbell No. 24, Griffin Engineers No. 31, Defendani No. 36, and Guy V. Henry Camp No. 38, the Camps comprising Inspection District No. 2, I made the following offer:

That I would present to the Comrade belonging to a Camp in the Second Inspection District, that brought into his Camp the

most members between February 15th and Decoration Day, a Gold Plated Enameled U. S. W. V. fob. Transfer members not counting in the contest, the result of that contest was as follows, viz.:

	Comrades.
1. Comrade W. W. Griffith of Hubbell No. 24.....	4
2. Comrade Geo. Barrett of Griffin Eng. No. 31.....	4
3. Dept. Com. Simmons of Old Guard No. 19.....	3
4. Comrade E. Collyer of Old Guard No. 19.....	3
5. S. V. C. Joseph Lewis of N. Y. city No. 23.....	3
6. Comrade Martin Stamm of Hubbell No. 24.....	2
7. Adj't. Cooke of Guy V. Henry No. 38.....	2
8. Comrade Henry Koenig of Hubbell No. 24.....	1
9. Adj't. W. W. Eckweiler of Hubbell No. 24.....	1
10. Comrade John Kiley of Griffin Eng. No. 31.....	1
11. Comrade F. K. McDonnell of Old Guard No. 19.....	1
12. Comd'r A. H. Aschemoor of N. Y. city No. 23.....	1

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According to the terms as stated above, one fob was to be given, but as there was a tie, I immediately ordered another fob so that two fobs be presented, one to Comrade Griffith and the other to Comrade Barrett. If they are not present give them to their Camp Commanders to be presented to them.

Am very sorry that I cannot be with the boys this year, but circumstances over which I had no control prevent my being with them. I trust that this Encampment will be a great success.

Fraternally yours in F. P. & H.,

(Signed) A. L. Beckhardt,

*Past Commander, David Wilson
Camp No. 59, Asst.
Dept. Inspector, District
No. 2.*

COMRADE LAKESTREAM:

I would ask, through the Department Commander, if Comrade Griffith, of Hubbell Camp No. 24, and Comrade Barrett, of Griffin Engineers No. 31, are present.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Will the commanders of these two Camps present themselves at my station. In the absence of the Commanders, the ranking officer or other representatives of those two Camps will present themselves.

COMRADE LAKESTREAM:

On behalf of Comrade Beckhardt, Assistant Inspector in the district in which your Camp is located, I am pleased to present you this for Comrade W. W. Griffith, of Hubbell Camp No. 24; and to you, Comrade Quinn, this fob to be presented to Comrade Barrett, of Griffin Engineers No. 31. Convey to them, not only my personal felicitation, but say that the example that they have set will no doubt be an inspiration to other inspectors and to other Comrades throughout the Organization, so that their activities will be in line with those exhibited by these two Comrades.

DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT:

On behalf of Past Commander-in-Chief Newton, I desire to turn over to John H. Grant, Chairman of the Coghlan Memorial Committee, the sum of \$10 as a donation from him to that fund. (Applause.)

COMRADE LUZZI:

I might add that Major Keck Camp No. 53 pledges itself for \$75.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Commander-in-Chief, this contribution is only another evidence of your absolutely disinterested love for the Order, and I propose three cheers for the good soldier from the Department of Connecticut, Chas. W. Newton. (Cheers.)

COMRADE NEWTON:

Comrades, I just want to say this. That is the first mean thing that your Department Adjutant has done to me. I did not intend in any possible way to have publicity made of it. I regret exceedingly that he has taken this public way of announcing such a little insignificant act, although the amount of money does not carry with it one hundred thousandth part of the admiration that goes with it for your Department Commander. (Applause.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

We will now listen to the continuance of the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

COMRADE CULKIN:

The Committee takes great pleasure in certifying the following resolutions to the Encampment with its unanimous approval:

WHEREAS, The Department has been honored by having Comrade Maurice Simmons as Department Commander during the past two years; and

WHEREAS, By his untiring efforts and ceaseless labors the prestige and standing of this Department have been enhanced and the Department has been brought to a high state of perfection; by virtue of his splendid record as Department Commander, his proved ability and sterling character, he is entitled to the highest honor in the U. S. W. V.; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Department endorse Comrade Maurice Simmons for the office of Commander-in-Chief; and be it further

Resolved, That the delegates to the National Encampment be instructed to use every honorable means to bring about his election. (Adopted.)

Resolved, That the Memorial and Executive Committee of each Borough in the City of New York shall be, and they are hereby, empowered to administer relief to Spanish War Veterans or to other United States soldiers or sailors, as provided by the Poor Law of this State.

Resolved, That the present Committee, known as the New York City Memorial and Executive Committee, and elected by the several Borough Memorial and Executive Committees, shall be, and is hereby, abolished and discharged.

Resolved, That the chairman of the several Borough Memorial and Executive Committees, or, in the event of their absence from a meeting, the next ranking officers of said Borough Committees, shall constitute the Greater New York City Memorial and Executive Committee. Said last named Committee shall have charge of all matters affecting Spanish War Veterans in the Greater City of New York which are not strictly Borough matters; and it shall

apportion to each Borough, per capita as near as may be, all mon-
eys appropriated by the city of New York to the United Spanish
War Veterans for the observance of Memorial Day.

Resolved, That the chairman or other officer representing a
Borough Memorial and Executive Committee on the Greater New
York Memorial and Executive Committee shall have, and he is
hereby allowed, one vote for each 100 Comrades, or greater frac-
tion thereof, in good standing, in his Borough; provided, however,
that a representative of any Borough committee having less than
fifty members in good standing shall be entitled to at least one
vote. (Adopted.)

Comrade Culkin takes the chair, and Comrade Court continues
reading report of Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Resolved, That the National Rules and Regulations be amended
by providing for the wearing of khaki as a supplemental uniform
and that the New York delegates to the National Encampment be
instructed to submit and vote for such amendment thereat.
(Adopted.)

Resolved, That we favor the amendment to the National Rules
and Regulations, by providing for the establishment of a national
organ for our Order, to be managed by a board consisting of the
Commander-in-Chief in office, as chairman, and the two Past
Commanders-in-Chief immediately preceding him; subscription
to which shall be collectible by Camp Quartermasters with dues,
wherein, in addition to usual news and notices, shall be published
all National and Departmental General Orders; the editor's com-
pensation to be in part certain and in part contingent; the edi-
torial policy to be determined by the Commander-in-Chief, at the
time in office, and the journalistic undertaking to be an official
business undertaking; that New York's delegates be instructed to
submit the same to the National Encampment and vote for said
amendment thereat.

COMRADE MENDELSON:

I desire to offer an amendment, if the committee sees fit
to consider it, that in place of the members of our organiza-

tion being compelled to subscribe to this paper, the respective Departments in our Order be compelled to subscribe for every member in the organization on whom a per capita tax is paid.

COMRADE O'DONNELL:

The Comrades ought not to be subjected to anything. There should be no compulsion.

DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT:

Does Comrade Mendelsohn realize that the subscription price is only twenty-five cents a year?

COMRADE MENDELSON:

I would like to state in answer to the Department Adjutant, that the editor of the paper to-day is prepared, according to his statement in that paper, to furnish subscriptions to the number of ten at the rate of 25 cents per annum for each subscription, and when we consider that in this case it would mean subscriptions to the number of 35,000 in our organization, surely with the vast number of advertisements, the price could be reduced fifty per cent., and then the paper could be had for 12½ cents per copy, and if that is the case, and I am right in that, and if we consider that the Department of New York, according to the report of the Department Commander, was obliged to spend something like \$500 for the purpose of issuing eight orders to be put in the hands of every member of our Department, by getting this paper we would receive twelve orders annually, instead of eight, and the members would not be compelled to pay, in addition to the dues they already pay, if my amendment is adopted.

COMRADE DRISCOLL:

I do not see where we are gaining anything by this discussion on this subscription business. I think that any Comrade in the Department of New York, or any other Department, has a right to subscribe to any paper he sees fit. I do not see where the Department should be compelled to pay for each Comrade's subscription. I think that every Comrade is perfectly willing to spend a quarter.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

It is all well and good in the enthusiasm of the moment to argue pro and con on any proposition. I have been identified with this Order year in and year out. I have crystallized the sum of my experience and observations in the annual report submitted at the close of this term. I have seen newspaper after newspaper, magazine after magazine, periodical after periodical, established by volunteers in the interest of our order, all in the best of good faith, all desirous of helping the Order, and I have seen Comrades subscribe a dollar, a dollar and a half or more, to those newspapers, periodicals, or magazines, only to know that after one, two, three or four issues, the paper, for lack of support, for lack of finances, died. The effect of that was that the Comrades lost their subscriptions. It discouraged them from subscribing to other laudable journalistic undertakings. I have watched these papers year after year, and I have come to the conclusion that we should do what labor organizations do, and what many of the other influential orders do. We ought to establish a newspaper of our own. We ought to have a paper that will do for the Order what the Department does in the State of New York — reaches every Comrade. Do you know what it cost your Headquarters to print and mail the last seven or eight Department General Orders? Over \$552. That is only seven or eight orders. If you adopt my recommendation here about an official paper, instead of eight issues you will have twelve issues of that paper lying on your breakfast table with the Department's order printed in full, with the National order printed in full, and with all the news and notices affecting our Order throughout the national domain. It will save the Department of New York alone between \$500 and \$600, and instead of your spending a dollar a year on a newspaper, you may spend the price of two or three cigars, a quarter a year, and you will know that the paper is coming out with the same precision as your daily newspaper. We want a paper managed by a board consisting of the Commander-in-Chief and the two Commanders-in-Chief immediately preceding him. Let them fix a small compensation

for the editor, and also give him a small percentage of the profits, and thereupon if you have a subscription list of at least 35,000, think of the immense service. Think of what advertisers will do, knowing that you have that guaranteed circulation. Having given the most careful consideration to this proposition, I ask those of you who have the welfare of the Order at heart to give us an official organ, to give our Order a tongue for official expression, and I advocate the recommendation of the committee. (Applause.)

COMRADE VANCE:

As a newspaper man, I wish to endorse what the Commander has said, and I second the motion that an official organ be established.

COMRADE CULKIN, temporarily in the chair:

I understand, Comrades, that there is an amendment to the resolution offered and approved by the committee. I hear no second to the amendment.

COMRADE DREIS:

I am ready to second this amendment. Now, with all due respect to all of you, and with as much love for the organization as anybody, I want to reach everybody. If I cannot reach you with my own voice, I want to reach you with a paper. Now, I think the organization ought to issue this paper itself. If there is any money in the advertising, let us issue the paper, let us furnish the material and get the money for it, and that is the amendment that I make to the amendment, if that amendment does not cover it.

COMRADE CULKIN:

I suggest to the Comrade that the suggestion is an original motion, and involves the working out of a detailed scheme at much expenditure and impracticable at this time. The question now is on the original amendment. I hear no second to the amendment of Comrade Mendelsohn. Is there any objection to the report of the committee as read and approved. (After a pause.) Hearing none, the report of the committee is approved.

Comrade Court continues reading report of Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Resolved, That the requirements of the Book of Ceremonies and of Military Procedure be enforced by providing in the Department and National Rules and Regulations that the Department Commander assume jurisdiction of the installation of Camp officers within his jurisdiction; that the New York delegates to the National Encampment be instructed to submit and vote for said amendment to the National Rules and Regulations. (Adopted.)

Resolved, That the Camps of this Department use a uniform design of Camp stationery, the letter heads to bear the names of the Commander, Adjutant and Quartermaster with their addresses and the time and meeting place of the Camp. The design now used by Niagara Falls Camp No. 7 is recommended.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I will ask the committee is there any reasonable objection to permitting a Camp to add, if it desires to do so, in complying with all other requisites of this recommendation, in addition to those three names, the names of its other officers. Is there objection to that by the Committee?

COMRADE COURT:

I have not heard of any.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

There is no objection to that, and it will be embodied in the report.

Resolution adopted including suggestion mentioned.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE TRUST FUNDS.

Add to sections enumerating national officers, these words:

"Trustees who shall consist of the Past Commanders-in-Chief of the organization in good standing, who shall constitute a board, of which the junior Past Commander-in-Chief shall be chairman.

Second. To be insterted at some appropriate place:

"There shall be a trust fund belonging to the organization, which shall consist of the trust fund created and set part at the National Encampment held at Cedar Point in 1907, together with the accrued interest thereon, and such other sums as may be from time to time included in such trust fund by the action of the National Encampment. Such trust fund shall be invested and reinvested by the Commander-in-Chief under the advice and direction of a board of trustees to be elected by the National Encampment, in Government, State or municipal interest bearing bonds, which investment shall stand in the name of the organization; all checks, vouchers, and transfers to be signed by the Commander-in-Chief, and countersigned by the chairman of the Board of Trustees. No portion of such fund shall be used for any purpose except by authority of the National Encampment. All moneys belonging to such funds not actually invested in such bonds to be deposited in a bank to the credit of the organization. The bonds and bank book to be retained by the Adjutant General, whose bond shall include responsibility therefor."

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Is there any objection to hearing the maker of the resolution make a brief statement?

COMRADE VANCE:

I understand that the fund in the hands of the National organization exceeds four or five thousand dollars. Now, there is no use of accumulating a large fund there, because it would be a temptation to spend it. I understand that numbers of our Comrades who have been before the Legislature advocating bills in favor of our Order, have had to go down into their pockets for the money. There is mileage to be paid and other little expenses, and the Comrades who go up there should have a little fund to help them along. This is the reason this was brought up.

COMRADE GRIFFIN:

I am absolutely and completely opposed to a resolution of this character. I am opposed to having any fund set aside

either by the National Encampment or by Department Encampments to be specifically designated as to be used for legislation in the different States. I do not think that the Comrades of the Spanish War Veterans want to have any "yellow dog fund" in connection with their organization. The moment you designate a certain fund to be used for legislative purposes, thereupon you lay yourselves open to the charge of having a "yellow dog fund," and it is going to hurt your Order more than it ever can possibly do it any good. If there is any money to spare either in the Department Headquarters in the different States, or in the National Headquarters, there is nothing to prevent us, under the Rules and Regulations, from spending the money for reasonable and legitimate purposes, legislative or otherwise.

COMRADE COURT:

This resolution was just submitted. The committee has not acted upon it one way or the other. I am inclined to the ideas of Comrade Griffin.

COMRADE MENDELSON:

I move the resolution be laid on the table.

COMRADE GREENBAUM:

I second the motion. (Carried.)

Resolved, That all moneys for per capita tax, supplies, etc., be forwarded direct to the Department Quartermaster, relieving the Department Adjutant of all duties in connection with financial matters. (Adopted.)

Resolved, That the proceedings of this Encampment be edited by the retiring Department Adjutant, under the supervision of the retiring Department Commander. (Adopted.)

Resolved, That some appropriate hailing sign be adopted in place of the lengthy dialogue now in use. (Adopted.)

Resolved, That the Department countersign be changed twice or more a year to prevent use of same by Comrades in suspension. (Adopted.)

Resolved, That application blanks and semi-annual statements be printed so as to conform with the descriptive book, after the present supply is exhausted, and that New York's delegates to the National Encampment be instructed to introduce and support such a resolution. (Adopted.)

Resolved, That where convenient or practicable, two or more Camps in any section or territory should consolidate into one Camp. (Adopted.)

Resolved, That a form of receipt be adopted for dues which will be of assistance in identification of holder, and will show him to be a member in good standing, and that each member be required to show such receipt, on demand, for the purpose of identification.

COMRADE GREENBAUM:

I move an amendment that the receipt should be issued under the seal of the respective Camps.

A VOICE:

I second that amendment. (Carried.)

COMRADE COURT (reads resolution of proposed amendments to Rules and Regulations governing the Trust Fund, previously laid on the table. See page 103).

COMRADE YOUNG:

There is one very important point, and that is the method of selecting the Trustees. It is a bad method. It has been our uniform experience that our Past Commanders-in-Chief stay with us for a year, or possibly a year and a half, and then gradually drift away. Now, we confine our Trustees to that class. I would move to amend by striking out those words, "Past Commanders-in-Chief," and just let the National Encampment select those Trustees.

COMRADE GRIFFIN:

I second the motion.

COMRADE HALLER:

I want to speak against the amendment of the mover. I don't think the amendment is a wise one. I do not agree with Comrade Young, that our Past Commanders-in-Chief have not shown interest in the organization. I think it has been evident in this Department here and elsewhere that Past Commanders-in-Chief have been present at one or more, or very nearly every Encampment that has taken place.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The amendment is that the resolution stands only amended in this respect: that the Trustees be elected, as designated in the amendment, instead of consisting of the Past Commanders-in-Chief. (Carried.)

COMRADE COURT (continues reading):

WHEREAS, The Maine will soon be raised and the sixty-three bodies given decent burial, and an association has been formed under the presidency of Rear Admiral Chas. D. Sigsbee, late Commander of the Maine, called The Maine Monument Association, for the purpose of gathering moneys from patriotic and other societies, which will be used to purchase and erect a suitable monument over the graves of the Maine dead at Arlington cemetery, at Washington; be it

Resolved, That this Department Encampment, assembled at Saratoga, August 1, 2 and 3, 1910, recommend that the Camps of this Department materially support this most worthy and patriotic cause in swelling the Maine Monument Fund.

COMRADE ROWE:

Is there not a national monument in Washington, in Arlington cemetery?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

No, sir. Is there any objection to referring this recommendation to the incoming administration? (After a pause.) Hearing none it will be so referred.

COMRADE STILES:

I move that there be no more resolutions accepted.

COMRADE ROWE:

I second it.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

It is regularly moved and seconded that there be no further recommendations referred to the respective committees, except those that have already been presented. (Carried.)

COMRADE COURT (continuing):

Resolved, That section 8, article 7, be amended by adding: "On the acceptance of a transfer of a Comrade, he shall immediately notify the Adjutant of the Camp granting such transfer." That New York's delegates to the National Encampment be instructed to submit and vote for such a resolution. (Adopted.)

Resolved, That the Department Rules and Regulations be amended to make it obligatory on the Department Commander to supplement inspection by a system of quarterly visits to Camps by official representatives to be designated by him. (Adopted.)

Resolved, That the Department Rules and Regulations be amended to require Department Headquarters to print and issue

to Camp Commanders a sufficient quantity of Department General Orders for issuance to the full membership of Camps, and making it imperative for the Camp Commanders to mail same immediately on receipt to the membership of their respective Camps. (Adopted.)

Resolved, That the delegates of this Department to the National Encampment be instructed to introduce and support a resolution amending the Rules and Regulations so as to provide as follows: "That a Past Commander, whose Camp is delinquent for report or per capita tax for the term during which he held the office of Commander, shall be deprived of all rights and privileges pertaining to the office of Past Commander." (Adopted.)

COMRADE GRIFFIN:

Comrade Commander, we have heard the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations and I rise to a point of information. It is this, our general motion with regard to the report of the Rules and Regulations Committee is that they were to suggest amendments to our present Rules and Regulations. Now, am I right in that construction?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

You are correct.

COMRADE GRIFFIN:

These resolutions then that have been read and adopted will be formally adopted as amendments to our Rules and Regulations?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

They will, but they have not been phrased.

COMRADE GRIFFIN:

How will we proceed to phrase them?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I will entertain a motion that the incoming Department Commander appoint a committee with full power to phrase these resolutions so as to carry out the import of each, so that they may be embodied and printed in the Department Rules and Regulations when published.

COMRADE GRIFFIN:

I make a motion to that effect.

COMRADE HERRICK:

I second the motion. (Carried.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I call for the report of the Committee on Finance.

Report of Committee on Finance.

COMRADE VANCE, of Committee on Finance:

Your Committee on Finance begs to report that it has examined the report of Dr. John H. Grant, Chairman of Admiral Coghlan Memorial Committee, and find it correct in every particular.

COMRADE WOHLER:

I move that the Coghlan Memorial Committee as now constituted be continued.

COMRADE DRISCOLL:

I second the motion. (Carried.)

COMRADE VANCE (Continues with report of Committee on Finance.):

Your Committee on Finance begs to report that it has carefully and thoroughly examined the books and accounts of the Department Quartermaster, from the period of August 1, 1909, to July 31, 1910, inclusive. It finds them carefully and correctly kept, and highly commends Department Quartermaster Thomas J. Quinn for the conscientious and efficient manner in which he has performed his duty. Your Committee recommends that the voucher system be adopted, as such would be the means of simplifying the work of the Quartermaster.

COMRADE HERRICK:

I move that the report of the Finance Committee be accepted and spread on the minutes.

COMRADE ROWE:

I second the motion. (Carried.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

We will now have the report of the Credentials Committee.

Report of Credentials Committee.

COMRADE MENDELSON:

I desire to state that the Committee recommends that we have a roll call of the full delegation, and that those who are not delegates should be asked to sit apart from the main body. The Committee further recommends that in the event that any Comrade presents himself who is entitled to a seat in this Encampment, that the Encampment shall decide as to his eligibility.

I beg to report that the total number of delegates seated in this Encampment is 168, as follows:

Manhattan Camp No. 1.—Bernhardt Wall, P. C.; Charles M. Hoffman, Joseph A. Conley, Julius M. Quarberg, J. J. Stewart, T. J. McCarthy, J. J. Reiley, J. E. Rowe, Paul Stobbe.

Marcus D. Russell No. 2.—C. A. Olivier, P. C.; W. J. Cunningham, M. F. Rogers, Commander; George McCune, Frank McDermott, William J. Cronin, William H. Reilly, P. C.; Edward F. Trembley, P. C.; J. J. Corcoran, P. C.; J. J. O'Connor, P. C.; John P. Treanor, P. C.

Thos. H. Barber Camp No. 3.—R. M. Gilbert.

William H. Hubbell Camp No. 4.—Chas. V. Stevens, P. C.; John P. Carney, John F. Kelly, John C. Stein, William Dunney, Wm. E. White; Harry A. F. Young, P. C.; John R. Gannon.

Stephen Sanford Camp No. 6.—John X. Ahern; F. A. Russell, P. C.

Niagara Falls Camp No. 7.—F. C. Haines.

Wm. R. Carmer Camp No. 8.—Carl R. Hexamer, Com.; C. C. Yeamans, P. C.

Warren A. Wilson Camp No. 9.—Robert S. Hall, Jr., P. C.; Carl C. Patterson, Howard McOmber, P. C.; Daniel Wood, P. C.; Sterling F. Highley, P. H. Haselton, P. C.

Theodore Roosevelt Camp No. 10.—Daniel Ahearn, T. J. Murray, P. C.; James J. Regan, F. H. Carlson.

Gen. Eugene Griffin Camp No. 11.—Garrett V. Johnson, M. J. Whitstead, Fred A. Ledoux, Geo. Ramsey, P. C.; Frank Hoppman, P. C.; Martin Hodges, P. C.; A. A. Ross, P. C.; Bert Secor, P. C.; Chas. Hulbert.

Seyburn-Liscum Camp No. 12.—C. E. Haller, Wm. A. Flett, Com.; John H. Grant, P. C.; P. Bernhard, E. Wohler, P. C.

Fourteenth Regiment Camp No. 14.—T. E. Reid.

Bucky O'Neil Camp No. 15.—C. H. Beilman.

Admiral Schley Naval Squadron No. 16.—Frank Rusch, Moe Morris, Philip Volmoeller.

Admiral Philip Naval No. 18.—C. C. Williams.

Old Guard Camp No. 19.—A. J. Griffin, G. H. King, William H. Byrnes, A. Fairlamb, J. F. Court, F. Woodhull, Daniel J. Murphy, Maurice Simmons, J. E. J. Clare, P. C.

Joseph S Decker Camp No. 20.—John T. Oates, P. C.; William Hillis, T. B. Bardes, Hugh Tobin.

Gen. H. W. Lawton Camp No. 21.—Joseph A. Donnelly, Walter J. Anderson, P. C.

Capron Camp No. 22.—William F. Morgan, P. C.

New York City Camp No. 23.—Benj. McBride.

Col. Henry W. Hubbell Camp No. 24.—Leon Greenbaum, Henry DeWitt Hamilton.

Robert C. Anderson Camp No. 26.—Francis D. Culkin; C. S. Martin, P. C.; Torrey A. Ball, P. C.; Frank J. Gill, P. C.; Jos. A. Dory, P. C.; Paul Standtke.

Wallace F. Randolph Camp No. 27.—Bradford Jones, P. C.

Frank Rockwell Palmer Camp No. 28.—William P. Brady, L. Theo. A. Dreis, P. C.; Clarence E. Clark, Edw. H. Burton, Com.; John H. Ehmann, P. C.; Wm. H. Kyle, P. C.; Philip G. Roosa, P. C.

W. S. Overton Camp No. 29.—Philip Kelly.

Griffin Engineers No. 31.—John C. Hines, Thomas J. Quinn.

E. H. Liscum Camp No. 33.—L. H. Frost.

Defendam Camp No. 36.—Bernard A. Flood, W. F. Barber, P. C.; Wm. E. Donahue.

Norman W. Crosby Camp No. 37.—Edmund Holmes, Geo. J. Sawyer, P. C.

Gen. Guy V. Henry Camp No. 38.—T. J. O'Donnell, P. C.; P. J. Corcoran, Com.; John T. Coffey, Fred C. Madden, Frank H. Woods, Jos. P. McCall.

Major Louis B. Lawton Camp No. 39.—Robert Kissick.

E. M. Hoffman Camp No. 40.—J. D. Driscoll, Com.

Col. Walter Scott, No. 42.—S. J. Stone, P. C.; W. L. Ingerham, Com.; C. W. Herrick.

John K. Sague Camp No. 44.—Walter H. Howe, Sheldon St. John.

Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46.—G. W. Harris, P. C.; Arthur J. Schneidenbach.

Admiral Sampson Naval No. 48.—E. W. Larkin.

Naval Camp No. 49.—H. P. Hoagelund, L. J. Pattersen, P. C.

Col. J. W. Vrooman Camp No. 51.—J. P. Holden.

F. C. Warner Camp No. 52.—C. J. Monahan.

Major Frank Keck Camp No. 53.—Arthur E. Luzzi, Albert W. Smith.

Saratoga Camp No. 58.—A. W. A. Geiersberg, Fred W. Dunson, P. C.; L. J. Follett, P. C.; Fred E. Calkin, P. C.; Hiram C. Todd.

David Wilson Camp No. 59.—F. R. McCarthy, R. H. Parker, Com.; Frank D. Lakestream, Joseph H. Murtha.

William McKinley Camp No. 62.—Chas Stephens, C. C. Marley, Com.

Hoosick Camp No. 63.—F. M. Buck, W. L. Carpenter, Com.

George H. Tilly Camp No. 66.—Albert M. Drake.

John V. Searles Camp No. 67.—Alfred J. Tooker.

Newell Rising Camp No. 68.—J. E. Lecocq, P. C.; W. S. Lynt, Com.; I. McGowan.

Admiral Cook Camp No. 69.—Robert Adams.

Thomas H. Barry Camp No. 73.—Morris J. Mendelsohn, P. C.; H. S. Stiles, John L. Dunn, R. Flinch, T. D. Fitzgerald, Com.

David J. Johnston Camp No. 74.—James M. Healey, William Ross, Joseph Ruddy, Clarence Davenport.

Hudson B. Moore Camp No. 78.—Timothy J. Dinan, George F. Chapman, A. Faulkner, Com.

Thomas H. Fitzgerald Camp No. 79.—Malcolm C. Fraser, Com.

Malcolm A. Rafferty Camp No. 80.—Daniel Donahue, John M. Philips, Com.

Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan Camp No. 82.—William G. Vance.

Major-General George F. Elliott Camp No. 84.—Albert H. Lages.

West Point Camp No. 85.— Jacob L. Hicks, Andrew Rhuede, Edward E. Swartwood, Com.

General Joe Wheeler Camp No. 89.— Clayton J. Morse.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

If there is no objection the Credentials Committee will continue its labors until the close of the Encampment.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

We will listen to the report of the Committee on Special Resolutions.

Report of Committee on Special Resolutions.

COMRADE HAMILTON, Chairman of Committee on Special Resolutions:

The Committee on Resolutions respectfully report as follows:
We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, By the United Spanish War Veterans of the State of New York, in annual Department Encampment assembled, that we tender to his Excellency Charles E. Hughes, Governor of the State of New York, our sincere thanks for his high-minded and patriotic action in favor of the amendments to the law so earnestly desired and gratefully appreciated by all our members throughout the entire Order.

In similar resolution insert the names of:

Speaker James W. Wadsworth, Jr.

Senator George H. Cobb.

Senator Thomas F. Grady.

Senator Edgar T. Brackett.

Senator Robert F. Wagner.

Senator William J. Grattan.

Assemblymen Seymour Lowman, Thaddeus C. Sweet, George W. Brown, James L. Whitley, Joseph M. Fowler, Lewis S. Chandler, George H. Whitney.

Hon. William Sulzer.

Past Department Commander Michael J. Cummings of G. A. R.

Resolved, by the United Spanish War Veterans of the State of New York, in annual Department Encampment assembled, That the thanks of this Encampment are justly due, and are hereby tendered to Mrs. Kathryn Fellows, Department President of the Ladies' Auxiliary, for the noble support so graciously given to the objects of our Order so dear to our hearts.

Resolved, by the United Spanish War Veterans of the State of New York, in Department Encampment assembled, That we heartily congratulate the Commander-in-Chief, Edward G. Gihon, on the well-merited success which has characterized his administration, due to his unflagging zeal and whole-souled devotion to the best interests of our Order, and of all its members.

WHEREAS, The Department has been honored by having Comrade Maurice Simmons as Department Commander during the past two years, and

WHEREAS, By his untiring efforts and ceaseless labors the prestige and standing of this Department has been enhanced and the Department has been brought to a high state of perfection, and by virtue of his splendid record as Department Commander, his proved ability and sterling character, he has merited the highest commendation from his Comrades, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we earnestly express the hope that our Order may for many years to come have the benefit of his wisdom, zeal and skill, and that we know him to possess all the qualifications which should entitle him to the highest honors within our beloved Order.

Resolved, That recognizing the faithful and meritorious services of an unusually capable staff, we desire to place upon record our entire approval of their diligent, efficient and successful labors.

Resolved, That we commend the unselfish and progressive activities of the high-principled editor of the National Review, Comrade O. Pettijohn, of Elyria, Ohio, and be it further

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Encampment, the interests of the Order require the maintenance of an official journal, controlled by National Headquarters.

Resolved, That no offer of a competitive prize to the Department for the uses of the Order, be accepted unless the donor deposit the same with Department Headquarters at the time of making the offer.

Resolved, That the existing statutory laws benefiting members of the organization, be published in pamphlet form in sufficient quantity to furnish every Comrade in the Department with a copy thereof, and distributed among the various Camps so that every veteran will know his rights under the law.

Resolved, That we cordially approve the valuable services of Special Aide John E. J. Clare in successfully providing and conducting the official "U. S. W. V. Special Train," an arrangement which comported with the dignity of this Encampment, and added much to the comfort and convenience of the delegates, and be it

Resolved, That we extend our thanks to the Comrades and members of the Ladies' Auxiliaries, who attended in such large numbers as to enable the Comrades in all sections of the State to obtain reduced rates of transportation to and from this Encampment.

Resolved, That the Department Encampment of the State of New York, U. S. W. V., in Encampment assembled, hereby indorses the invitation of Saratoga Camp No. 58 to the National Encampment, to hold its National Encampment of the year 1911 in Saratoga Springs, N. Y., and in indorsing the invitation of Saratoga Camp No. 58, the Department Encampment of New York hereby pledges its support to the Saratoga Camp and to the National Encampment to do everything in its power to make the Encampment, if it comes to Saratoga, a success, and it hereby assures the National Encampment that Saratoga has not only the facilities, but the will to entertain the Encampment of the U. S. W. V. for the year 1911.

Resolved, That the matter of taking such steps as may be necessary and proper for the purpose of procuring such enactments as will secure to veterans of the Spanish War the same preference now accorded to veterans of the Civil War, by way of constitutional amendment or otherwise, be referred to the incoming Department Commander, with power.

Resolved, That a measure be introduced at the next session of Congress, providing for the retirement of soldiers in the permanent establishment after twenty-five years of service, and that New York's delegates to the National Encampment be instructed to submit and vote for the adoption of resolutions thereat, embodying the foregoing.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

You have heard the report of the Committee on Special Resolutions. I will entertain a motion that all the reports, as submitted to this Encampment, be accepted and spread on the minutes.

COMRADE HERRICK:

I make a motion to that effect.

COMRADE MCCARTHY:

I second the motion. (Carried.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

With reference to prizes, the future rule at Encampments will be that the donors of prizes must deposit them at the time of offering. We have a properly indorsed check by two men, whose word is as good as gold, for a prize of \$25. Is there any objection to our taking this money? Hearing none it is accepted, and Comrade Bert Secor, one of the best warriors of the Department, is thanked by this Encampment. I will call for the report of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

COMRADE TORREY A. BALL, Chairman of Committee on Appeals and Grievances:

There were no appeals or grievances, and therefore we have nothing to report.

COMRADE DRISCOLL:

I make a motion to the effect that Comrade Inspector Frank D. Lakestream be empowered to procure a warrant of commission, and that Department Headquarters be authorized to expend the necessary sum to get this commission from National Headquarters.

COMRADE STEPHENS:

I second the motion. (Carried.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Comrades, we are about to proceed with the nomination and election of officers. Do not leave the hall after the election of just one officer, but stay here until the completion of the elections and installation. I will declare a recess of a few minutes in order to enable the ballots to be distributed.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I appoint as tellers to this Encampment, Comrades C. E. Hal-ler, Chas. A. Olivier and Bernard A. Flood, chairman.

DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT:

I move you, sir, that the delegates and those not having a vote be separated.

COMRADE DREIS:

Second it. (Carried.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I will now entertain nominations for the office of Department Commander.

COMRADE JOHN P. TREANOR:

Department Commander, officers of the United Spanish War Veterans, and friends: I was waited upon by a delegation from Camp Marcus D. Russell No. 2, a few days ago, and was requested to present the name of one of its members in nomination, to this Encampment, for the highest office in its gift. I hesitated about accepting the commission, while fully realizing the honor such a labor involved. I felt that I could do but scant justice to the task, and reminded the delegation that the order had always been addressed by gifted speakers, by men who had achieved success and prominence as orators; the delegation listened patiently to me, reminded me that my Camp desired my services, and overruled my objections.

At a regular meeting of Marcus D. Russell Camp No. 2, held Thursday evening, April 14, 1910, a resolution was unanimously

adopted favoring the presentation of the name of Senior Vice-Department Commander William J. Cunningham to the Encampment to be held at Saratoga, August 1st, 2d and 3d, for the position of Department Commander.

Comrade Cunningham became a charter member of M. D. Russell Camp January 25, 1900, was elected officer of the day for the year 1900, Junior Vice-Commander for 1901, and served as Commander for the years 1902, 1903 and 1904. For the past five years he has served as Camp Quartermaster, which position he now occupies, and the present strong condition of the Camp is a fitting testimonial to the conscientious manner in which he has performed his work.

At the Department Encampment held in 1902, he was elected a member of the Council of Administration, and was successively re-elected in 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906 and 1907; in 1908 he was appointed Chief of Staff, and in 1909 was unanimously chosen for the position he now holds, that of Senior Vice-Commander of the Department of New York.

No order or assignment from headquarters, no task so great, but has found him ready and willing to devote his best energies to fulfilling such obligations.

For the past thirteen years he has been a member of the Troy fire department, and for five consecutive years was captain of the oldest volunteer fire company in Troy, the Washington Volunteer Fire Company, a company which was organized in the year 1812, and which has had amongst its members some of the most prominent and influential of Troy's citizens. He was promoted to a captaincy in the paid fire department on April 1, 1908, and was assigned to command Truck No. 2, which is the pride of the Troy fire department.

He is a member of the Troy, N. Y., Exempt Firemens' Association, and of the Old Guard of the Twelfth Separate Company, National Guard, New York.

Of Comrade Cunningham's service in the regiment it is sufficient to state that "Obedience and loyalty" were his watchwords. As commanding officer of Co. C of the regiment, I had many opportunities of observing the men of the various commands, and was particularly impressed by Comrade Cunningham's personality.

By his strict attention to duty, Comrade Cunningham soon became a respected member of Co. E, and in that company was taught the duties of a soldier under the direction of a captain who was a sincere, conscientious officer, an officer who inspired the officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of his command to put forth their best efforts for the honor of the company and the good of the service, generally.

Like the present Department Commander, Comrade Cunningham comes from the ranks; he is from the privates of the service; from the men who fight our battles for us, and who win them; for "The enlisted man is the army."

From an experience of over twenty-two years of labor in the military service with the enlisted men, I feel the deepest interest in their welfare and rejoice that in this grand order there is universal equality; here we are all Comrades, here there is a chance for all without prejudice, on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude; here a man's actions are accepted as the criterion of a man's worth; here the right hand of good fellowship is outstretched for all members of our order, who have proved themselves in the time of the country's need, and who are ever ready and willing for further service in defense of their glorious country.

Comrade Cunningham was mustered out with his company on October 31, 1898, at Schenectady, N. Y.

He enlisted as a private in Co. C, Second Regiment (12th Separate Company), National Guard, in January, 1900, at Troy. He was promoted to corporal, and was honorably discharged as such in February, 1908.

With most men the reaching of a high place in the Fire Department absorbs all their time and energies. This is not so with Comrade Cunningham, the proud position of Truck No. 2, of which he is captain, in the Troy fire department, due to his tireless industry, will prove that he is a man of many attainments. As one who has been honored by his friendship, and also by his confidence, I feel a particular pride in his achievements, and share in the joy, which is here, so visible, over his successful completion of ten years of service for Camp Russell, and for the United Spanish War Veterans.

Comrade Cunningham has attended every meeting of Camp Russell, and most of the success of the Camp is due to his efforts. During the past year he has traveled 3,210 miles, on duty for our order, without receiving any remuneration of any nature. I honor this steady persevering young man, who is doing his duty to his home, to his order, and to society. The influence of such lives has much to do in making better citizens; and I herewith respectfully present for your consideration for the office of Department Commander, Senior Vice-Commander William J. Cunningham of Camp Russell No. 2, of Troy, N. Y., and request for him your votes, and your good will. (Applause and cheers.)

COMRADE WALL:

Comrade Commander, in seconding the nomination of the Department Senior Vice-Commander to the high office of Department Commander of this State, I believe I am voicing the sentiment of true comradeship, when I say — I have yet to find somebody to gainsay it — that the candidate for this high office has been as good a Comrade in the United Spanish War Veterans as he was a loyal soldier, as you have heard from the Comrade who has just pronounced the nominating speech. It has been my pleasure to have been associated with Comrade Cunningham for a few years, and I have always found him exactly on the level. We all know him, and as I have said before, I have yet to find a man that has anything against him personally, and that is the true test of a man. Comrade Cunningham, as you know, lives in Troy; has to work for his living, and of his living he has given this Organization a plentiful share. Frequently, when duty called, or when occasion demanded, he visited us way down in New York City to help and enthuse us, and brought with him Comrades of his Camp and his section to swell our numbers and make a showing. I believe, Comrades, that Comrade Cunningham has proven that he is bone and sinew a part of this Order, and that he will, in the event of his election, continue the work that he has done in the past; that is, loyally support this organization and the National Administration. (Applause.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The chair recognizes Comrade Grant, of Buffalo.

COMRADE GRANT:

Commander and Comrades, it is my pleasing duty to present to you another Comrade who is also from the ranks. I have no extended record of him. I have a record here in a nutshell which covers a great deal of ground in behalf of the United Spanish War Veterans. Our Comrade also comes from a part of our State that has never been represented by a Department Commander. The Comrade whom I will name has been, in my opinion, and I think a great many others, eminently qualified for the position of Department Commander. He has been city attorney of his city for four years. He is a lawyer of recognized ability, has covered successful litigation amounting to \$150,000, has been an attorney of the State Excise Department, and his record covers ten legislative measures in behalf of the United Spanish War Veterans. His military record embraces his entry as a private April 28, 1898. He has been for seven year Captain of the Third Regiment. In 1905 the Poor Law was passed without the aid of the United Spanish War Veterans, and in 1906, with the aid of Department Commander C. A. Simmons, such a bill was passed, but was vetoed by Governor Higgins. In 1910, aided through his personal friendship with Senator Cobb, from his district, the Civil Service Law, in favor of the regular army men, was passed. He has been active in our service since 1903. He is a Past-Commander of his Camp.

Commander and Comrades, I have great pleasure in putting in nomination for the office of Department Commander, for the ensuing year, the present Junior Vice-Commander, Frank D. Culkin, of Robert C. Anderson Camp No. 26, of Oswego. (Cheers and applause.)

COMRADE YOUNG:

Comrade Commander and Comrades, it gives me a great deal of pleasure indeed, on behalf of a large number of Comrades of the City of Greater New York, to rise to second the nomination of Comrade Culkin. During this last administration Comrade Culkin has been signally successful in the work of this order, remaining constant in his duty, and particularly in that duty in regard to legislation. I have here much correspondence, and had we made our nominating speeches earlier in the day, I should be tempted to

say a great deal to you. I will not take your time, but I am going to read to you two paragraphs from two separate letters by our efficient and good Department Commander. He says in one letter, on March 26th, "Will you write me in detail, at the same time realizing that the fate of the United Spanish War Veterans' legislation is in your hands, and that the responsibility is a tremendous one." (Applause.) The responsibility was a tremendous one, Comrades. It took a big man to handle the situation, and Comrade Culkin was the man to handle it, and he brought the situation to a most tremendous success. From another letter written to Comrade Culkin I quote, "the passage of these bills is more important to the Department than any other proposition that has confronted these Headquarters during the year. Remember that you are first in command. I am more than delighted with the results so far achieved by you." (Applause.)

We delight to honor this man that we love. There is no more lovable man in the Department than Comrade Culkin, and when to that love is added the ability to achieve and the willingness to take the responsibility and do the work, Comrades, I say that is the man we need. I second the nomination of Comrade Culkin.

COMRADE TORREY A. BALL:

As a member of Camp Robert C. Anderson, and as a Comrade of Comrade Culkin, and as a Comrade who has served in the same company with him in the ranks and under him as commanding officer, I desire to rise at this time and state to you a little more in detail, perhaps, the work that Comrade Culkin has done for our Camp and our organization. Comrade Culkin has ever been an active member of our Camp. He was a charter member of that Camp and one of the prime movers in organizing the Camp. He is a Past Commander and has held several other offices, but at this time I cannot give you them directly, so I will not give them at all. As an officer of the National Guard, and as a soldier and volunteer of '98, he has proved himself to all who know him, to be a royal good fellow, and also to be a man of considerable ability and a man of character in his community and part of the State. He has the solid support of Robert C. Anderson Camp No. 26, by indorsement passed during the month of May last. The time is so short that

I won't go further in making any remarks, but simply second the nomination of Captain Culkin.

COMRADE MENDELSON:

I move that nominations be closed.

COMRADE MORRIS:

I second that motion. (Carried.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I call for nominations for Senior Vice-Commander.

COMRADE WOODHULL:

Comrade Commander and Comrades, you have performed your first duties to your Camp in voting for Commander of this organization for the ensuing year. It behooves me as a United Spanish War Veteran, a man who has the welfare of this Order deeply at heart, to call your attention to the fact that no locomotive can run without side lights. It needs good side lights. I have in mind a man known personally to every one in this Order, the man who helped raise the Maine, the man who is helping to bring back our dead Comrades from the slimy bottom of Havana Harbor. A Comrade who is capable of doing, that is capable of making a good side light for the engine, whoever he is. If any of you Comrades were in New York City on Roosevelt's reception day, I want to ask you who was the boy in khaki, and who was the boy who was working for the United Spanish War Veterans without getting anything for it? (Cries of "Bernhardt Wall," with cheers and applause.)

COMRADE TODD:

Comrade Commander and Comrades: Here in Saratoga I am sorry I have not had the opportunity of mingling with you more. I had the honor of being the first Commander of the Saratoga Camp and it has been a great pleasure — a greater pleasure than I can tell you — to see this Encampment here in Saratoga and gracing the village as you have. The exhibition you made in the parade has been lauded on all sides, but I am not here at this time to tell you all the good things that I would like to. I am here to speak for a man that I knew in the service and with whom I served. I was lucky enough to be an officer, and he was an enlisted man in

the 202nd New York. It was one of the regiments that went out on the second call, and we were fortunate enough to get into Cuba, and when we were there and there was something to be done, and done right, they called upon Wall. It is too late and the temperature is too high to continue a speech which, if it expressed all that I had in my heart to say about this Comrade, would take me until evening meal was served. Comrades, I can only say to you that I was with him there for nine months. I saw him every day, and I know that as a man in the ranks he did exactly what he was told to do by his officers. In addition to his faithfulness, he is a man of intelligence, one who has ability to go and meet men that we have to meet in performing the duties as officers of this organization. He can go and see them. He will be received by them, and I will guarantee that if he does the same for the Order as he did for the regiment when he was sent out by his officers there in the island of Cuba, that every time he will come back with his commission executed exactly right. Gentlemen and Comrades, I heartily second the nomination of Bernhardt Wall for this office. (Applause.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The Chair recognizes Comrade Oates, of Richmond.

COMRADE OATES:

I am not rising to second the nomination of anybody or to place anybody in nomination. I ask the privilege of the floor for about one minute.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Is there any objection? (Objection made.)

COMRADE MENDELSON:

I move that the privilege be granted.

A VOICE:

I second it. (Carried.)

COMRADE OATES:

During our gathering there has been an erroneous impression prevailing that I have been at any time a candidate for Senior Vice-Commander. A committee, a self-constituted committee, re-

quested me to be a candidate for this office. I wrote them a letter stating that I had high ideals regarding the procedure in our Encampments, that I was sternly opposed to Comrades seeking offices long before the assembly in our Encampment cities, and that having that high ideal, I would wait until I arrived in Saratoga, and if I found there a sentiment prevailing for me, I would be only too pleased to make the race. (Applause.) I find that I am really, strange to say, despite my twelve years work in the organization, nearly a total stranger to this new delegation here. They know not of me, nor what I may have done, and in consequence sufficient sentiment has not developed for me, and it would be wrong for me to sacrifice the ideal that I have had since I have been a member of your organization. I will never permit my name to be forced on Comrades. When I was elected to other offices I refused to do it, and I received the honor of election. I thank you, Comrades, but I am going to live up to my ideals. (Applause.)

COMRADE MENDELSON:

I move you, sir, that the nomination for Senior Vice-Commander be closed.

COMRADE SECOR:

I second the motion. (Carried.)

COMRADE SECOR:

I move you, sir, that the Adjutant of this Encampment be directed to cast one ballot for Comrade Wall for the office of Senior Vice-Commander.

COMRADE GILBERT:

Second the motion. (Carried.)

The Department Adjutant announced that he found one ballot cast for Bernhardt Wall for the office of Senior Vice-Commander.

COMRADE MENDELSON:

Three cheers for Bernhardt Wall. (Cheers and applause.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

We will entertain nominations for the position of Junior Vice Commander.

COMRADE HOFFMAN:

I move you, sir, that speeches for subsequent nominations be limited to two minutes.

COMRADE ROWE:

I second the motion. (Carried.)

COMRADE SWARTWOOD:

I desire to present to you the name of one of our Comrades who has attended many of your Encampments. Not believing in lengthy discussions on the personal history of our candidates, but rather believing in yourself finding out their worth, it gives me great pleasure to present to you for the office of Junior Vice-Commander, our genial Comrade, C. W. Herrick. (Applause.)

COMRADE FROST:

I take great pleasure in seconding this nomination. I have known Comrade Herrick for some time. He is a good, honest and faithful man, and works for the interest of our organization. That is all we want of any man.

COMRADE DRISCOLL:

I have the pleasure of presenting to you the name of a man who has been active, not only in the Department of New York, but also in every National Encampment, except one, which has been held since the birth of the organization; a man who has worked hard for the good of the organization, not in his own Camp, not in his own Department, but throughout the United States. This young man comes from one of the original Camps of this Department. This Comrade has been more than active in doing his share for the upbuilding of this Department and the National organization. I have the great pleasure in introducing and presenting the name of Comrade Beilman, of Bucky O'Neil Camp No. 15, of Buffalo.

A VOICE:

I second the nomination.

COMRADE STEPHENS:

I move that nominations be closed.

COMRADE PARKER:

I second it. (Carried.)

The tellers announced the vote cast as follows: For Comrade Herrick, 67; for Comrade Beilman, 43.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Comrade Herrick is duly elected Junior Vice-Commander. I will now entertain nominations for the office of Department Inspector.

COMRADE LAKESTREAM:

Department Commander, for two years I have held this lovely position, once given to me by the good-will and the work of a very energetic committee, and the second time thrust upon me by friends against my desires and opposition. I desire to present the name of a young man who is not handicapped by the blessings of a wife and children. He is an unmarried man. He has money and time and everything else. I take pleasure in submitting the name of Arthur Fairlamb, member of Old Guard Camp No. 19, for Department Inspector.

COMRADE GRIFFIN:

Comrade Commander and Comrades, I would not be doing my duty properly if, as the Commander of Old Guard Camp, I did not avail myself of the opportunity to say a word of commendation for the best Adjutant of any Camp there is in this jurisdiction. If a man is able to make such a good Adjutant, I think he is the man for Inspector of our Department. (Applause.)

COMRADE DONNELLY:

I have the honor of placing in nomination before you a man who has been for several years a Comrade of Lawton Camp. He is a National Aide, and he is also on the Department Staff. We know him for his persistency and constant record. He has been Quartermaster of Lawton Camp for three years. Everybody who knows him knows that he is a good, honest and energetic worker. I have the honor to place in nomination as Department Inspector the name of Walter J. Anderson, of Lawton Camp No. 21.

COMRADE MURTHA:

I second the nomination of Comrade Anderson.

COMRADE LAKESTREAM:

I move that nominations be closed.

COMRADE STOBBE:

I second the motion. (Carried.)

The tellers announced the vote cast as follows: For Comrade Fairlamb, 78; for Comrade Anderson, 54.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I declare Comrade Arthur Fairlamb duly elected Inspector of the Department of New York. Nominations are in order for Department Surgeon.

COMRADE GRANT:

Commander and Comrades, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to nominate a Comrade in good standing, Robert W. Andrews, of Camp 44, Poughkeepsie.

COMRADE HERRICK:

I second the nomination.

COMRADE LARKIN:

I move that nominations be closed.

COMRADE GREENBAUM:

I second the motion. (Carried.)

COMRADE STOBBE:

I move that the Adjutant cast one ballot.

A VOICE:

I second the motion.

The Adjutant announced that he found one ballot cast for Dr. Robert W. Andrews for the office of Department Surgeon.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I will now entertain nominations for the office of Department Judge-Advocate.

COMRADE LEDOUX:

I rise to place in nomination the name of Comrade John J. McMullen, of Schenectady.

COMRADE JOHNSON:

As the Commander of that Camp, I take great pleasure of heartily seconding the nomination of Comrade McMullen.

COMRADE GRIFFIN:

I move that nominations be closed upon the name of Comrade McMullen.

COMRADE FLETT:

I second the motion. (Carried.)

COMRADE HERRICK:

I move that the Adjutant be directed to cast one ballot for John J. McMullen, as Department Judge-Advocate.

COMRADE WOODHULL:

I second the motion. (Carried.)

The Department Adjutant announced that he found one ballot cast for John J. McMullen for the office of Department Judge-Advocate.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Nominations are in order for the Chaplaincy.

DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT:

Comrades, this will be the shortest nomination speech of the day. I place before you for Department Chaplain, Comrade W. H. I. Reaney, of Gloucester Naval Camp No. 5 of Brooklyn.

COMRADE DRISCOLL:

No Comrade in the room takes greater pleasure in seconding the nomination for Department Chaplain of Comrade W. H. I. Reaney.

COMRADE WOODHULL:

I move that nominations be closed.

COMRADE ROWE:

I second it. (Carried.)

COMRADE O'DONNELL:

I move that the Adjutant be directed to cast one ballot for W. H. I. Reaney.

A VOICE:

Second the motion. (Carried.)

The Department Adjutant announced that he found one ballot cast for Comrade W. H. I. Reaney for office of Department Chaplain.

COMRADE DRISCOLL:

I propose three cheers for Father Reaney. (Cheers and applause.)

COMRADE O'DONNELL:

Commander and Comrades, I wish to place in nomination for the office of Department Marshal the man who has been Acting Marshal of this Encampment for the past two days. It gives me great pleasure to place in nomination Comrade Patrick J. Corcoran, of Guy V. Henry Camp No. 38.

COMRADE MURTHA:

Second that nomination.

COMRADE YOUNG:

We have come here, Comrades, this year to do our duty. Brooklyn very seldom asks for anything, but we have a very good Comrade in Hubbell Camp whom we would like to see elected Department Marshal, and I have the pleasure to present the name of Charles V. Stevens.

COMRADE STILES:

Second the nomination.

COMRADE GREENBAUM:

I move that nominations be closed.

COMRADE QUARBERG:

Second the motion. (Carried.)

The tellers announced the vote as cast as follows: For Comrade Corcoran, 83; for Comrade Stevens, 49.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I declare elected to the office of Department Marshal, Comrade Patrick J. Corcoran.

Comrade Mendelsohn moves that a committee be appointed to submit the names of members for the Council of Administration, and four delegates-at-large to the National Encampment.

The Department Commander appoints on that committee, Past Commander Mendelsohn, as chairman, and Comrades Ingerham and Parker.

COMRADE LUZZI:

I move you, sir, that we extend a unanimous vote of thanks to Saratoga Camp No. 58, for their splendid reception, and that this motion be spread upon the minutes.

COMRADE GREENBAUM:

I second the motion. (Carried.)

COMRADE HERRICK:

I move that the same vote of thanks be extended to the village of Saratoga, in appreciation of the kindness received at the hands of its citizens during our stay here.

COMRADE MENDELSON:

Second that motion. (Carried.)

COMRADE SWARTWOOD:

I move you also that a vote of thanks be extended to the city officials.

A VOICE:

Second the motion. (Carried.)

COMRADE LAKESTREAM:

I have the following resolution to offer:

Resolved, That the present Department Commander, acting for this Encampment, be directed to fill all vacancies in the positions of National delegates in the Camps of this Department from the list of Comrades who are to attend the approaching Encampment announced at this Encampment. (Carried.)

COMRADE MENDELSON, Chairman of committee to present names of members for the Council of Administration and Delegates-at-Large:

The committee is ready to report as follows:

For Members of the Council of Administration.—Robert Flinch, Barry Camp No. 73; Edward Swartwood, West Point No. 85; J. E. Lecocq, Newel Rising Camp No. 68; Fred R. McCarthy,

Wilson Camp No. 59; Chas. Stephens, McKinley Camp No. 62; L. H. Frost, E. H. Liscum No. 33; Fred W. Dunson, Saratoga No. 58; Arthur J. Schneidenbach, Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46.

For Delegates-at-Large.—Anthony J. Griffin, Old Guard Camp No. 19; Arthur E. Luzzi, Major Frank Keck Camp No. 53; H. C. H. Stewart, Major Frank Keck Camp No. 53; Frank R. McCarthy, Wilson Camp No. 59.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Comrades, you have heard the report. What is your pleasure?

COMRADE HERRICK:

I move that the nominations as announced by the Committee be the nominees of this Encampment.

COMRADE MCCARTHY:

Second the motion. (Carried.)

COMRADE DRISCOLL:

I move that the Adjutant cast one ballot for the names mentioned.

COMRADE GILBERT:

Second the motion. (Carried.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The tellers will announce the result of the election for Department Commander.

The tellers announce the vote cast as follows: For Comrade Cunningham 88; for Comrade Culkin 63; blank 1.

COMRADE CULKIN:

Department Commander, defeat is never sweet, but if a man is a man and a soldier, he takes the bitter as it comes with the sweet, and that is my lot to-day. I desire to congratulate the Encampment upon their choice. I desire to thank Department Commander Cunningham for the courteous and clean manner in which he has conducted his candidacy. (Applause.) I desire further to announce that I assure Comrade Cunningham that during the year in which he will hold this office, he will find me ever at his right hand ready to put forth my best efforts in behalf of and in support of his administration. (Cheers and applause.) To carry those

sentiments further into effect, I move you that the Adjutant record the unanimous election of this Encampment of William J. Cunningham, of Troy, for Department Commander, and that a committee of three be appointed to escort him before the Encampment. (Cheers and applause.)

COMRADE DRISCOLL:

I second that motion. (Carried.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The chair appoints as a committee to escort Comrade Cunningham before this Encampment; Comrade Culkin, of Oswego; Comrade Young of Kings, and Comrade Secor of Schenectady.

COMRADE MCCARTHY:

Three cheers for the incoming Commander. (Cheers and applause.)

The newly-elected Department Commander was at this juncture escorted to the platform.

COMRADE CUNNINGHAM:

Department Commander, Comrades, and Delegates.—I desire at this moment to express my sincere thanks for this vote of confidence expressed by your sentiment here this afternoon. It will be an honor, which I hope to achieve, to follow in the footsteps of my predecessor, Commander Simmons, in carrying on the administration of affairs of this Department along the same lines and in the same manner that Department Commander Simmons and his staff have done during the past two years. I will say to the Comrades and Delegates that most of my time will be devoted to this work. I again thank you, Comrades, for the confidence placed in me.

COMRADE GRANT:

I move that the tellers be discharged with the thanks of the Encampment.

COMRADE GREENBAUM:

I second that motion. (Carried.)

The newly-elected officers were installed by Comrade Oates, of Richmond.

The Seventh Annual Encampment of the Department of New York, United Spanish War Veterans, adjourned sine die at 3:45 P. M., August 3, 1910.

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THE OUTLOOK,

287 *Fourth Avenue, New York.*

OFFICE OF THEODORE ROOSEVELT,

August 6, 1910.

MY DEAR SIR.—Colonel Roosevelt directs me to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 1st instant, and to convey to you and to the Comrades his heartiest greetings.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) STUART HILL,

Secretary.

COMMANDER MAURICE SIMMONS,

Saratoga, New York.

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APPENDIX.

STATUTES ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF
NEW YORK RELATING TO SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

Tabulated by Past Department Commander Maurice Simmons, author of Civil Service Law, Poor Law, Memorial Day Appropriation Law, Printing Law, etc., relating to Spanish War Veterans.

APPENDIX.

LAWS OF 1899.

LAWS OF NEW YORK—By Authority.

[Every law, unless a different time shall be prescribed therein, shall not take effect until the twentieth day after it shall have become a law. Section 43, article II, chapter 8, General Laws.]

CHAPTER 12.

An Act to amend section six hundred and forty of the penal code, relative to the desecration, mutilation or improper use of the flag of the United States, or of the state.

Became a law February 22, 1899, with the approval of the Governor. Passed, three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section six hundred and forty of the penal code is hereby amended by adding thereto a subdivision to be known as subdivision sixteen, as follows:

Subdivision 16. Any person, who in any manner, for exhibition or display, places or causes to be placed, any inscription, design, devise, symbol, name, advertisement, words, characters, marks or notice whatever upon any flag, standard, color or ensign of the United States or state flag of this state or ensign evidently purporting to be either of said flags, standards, colors or ensigns, or who, in any manner appends, annexes or affixes or causes to be appended, annexed or affixed, to such flag, standard, color or ensign, any inscription, design, device, symbol, name, advertisement, words, marks, notice or token whatever, or who displays or exhibits or causes to be displayed or exhibited any flag, standard, color or ensign of the United States or flag of this state, or flag, standard, color or ensign evidently purporting to be either of said flags, standards, colors or ensigns, upon which shall, in any manner be placed, attached, annexed or affixed, any

inscription, design, device, symbol, name, advertisement, words, marks, notice or token whatever, or who publicly mutilates, tramples upon or otherwise defaces or defiles any of said flags, standards, colors or ensigns, whether any of said flags, standards, colors or ensigns are public or private property, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor. Provided, however, that flags, standards, colors or ensigns, the property of or used in the service of the United States or of the state, may have inscriptions, names or actions, words, marks or symbols, placed thereon pursuant to law or authorized regulations.

§ 2. This act shall take effect September first, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine.

STATE OF NEW YORK,
Office of the Secretary of State, } ss.:

I have compared the preceding with the original law on file in this office, and do hereby certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original law.

JOHN T. McDONOUGH,
Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 83.

AN ACT to amend the poor law, in relation to the relief of soldiers, sailors and their families.

Became a law March 14, 1899, with the approval of the Governor. Passed, a majority being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section eighty of chapter two hundred and twenty-five of the laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-six, entitled "An act in relation to the poor, constituting chapter twenty-seven of the general laws," is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 80. Relief of soldiers and their families.—No poor or indigent soldier, sailor, or marine who has served in the military or naval service of the United States, nor his family nor the families of any who may be deceased, shall be sent to any alms-house, except with the approval of the commander and quartermaster of the post of the Grand Army of the Republic of the city or town where such persons reside, or the nearest post thereto, but shall

be relieved and provided for at their homes in the city or town where they may reside, so far as practicable, provided such soldier, sailor or marine or the families of those deceased, are, and have been residents of the state for one year; and the proper auditing board of such city or town or in those counties where the poor are a county charge, the superintendent, if but one, or superintendents of the poor, as such auditing board in those counties shall provide such sum or sums of money as may be necessary to be drawn upon by the commander and quartermaster of any post of the Grand Army of the Republic of the city or town, made upon the written recommendation of the relief committee of such post; or if there be no post in a town or city in which it is necessary that such relief should be granted, upon the like request of the commander and quartermaster and recommendation of the relief committee of a Grand Army post located in the nearest town or city, to the town or city requested to so furnish relief, and such written request and recommendation shall be a sufficient authority for the expenditures so made.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
Office of the Secretary of State, } ss.:

I have compared the preceding with the original law on file in this office, and do hereby certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original law.

JOHN T. McDONOUGH,
Secretary of State,

CHAPTER 207.

An Act to amend the membership corporation law, in relation to
the erection of soldiers' monuments.

Became a law April 1, 1899, with the approval of the Governor. Passed,
three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section one hundred and twenty-one of chapter five hundred and fifty-nine of the laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, entitled "An action relating to membership corpora-

tions, constituting chapter forty-three of the general laws," is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 121. Property; erection of monuments.— Such a corporation may acquire and hold, within the county in which its certificate of incorporation is recorded, not more than five acres of land, to be used exclusively for the erection of a suitable monument or monuments or other memorial, to perpetuate the memory of the soldiers and sailors who served in the defense of the union in the war of the rebellion, or who served in the army or navy of the United States in the late war with Spain from the town, city or county, in which such monument, monuments or memorial, is erected. Such a corporation may erect any such monument, monuments or memorial, upon any public street, square or ground of any town, city or village, with the consent of the proper officers thereof, or may purchase or accept the donation of land suitable for that purpose; and may take and hold the property given, devised or bequeathed to it in trust, to apply the same or the income or proceeds thereof for the erection, improvement, embellishment, preservation, repair or renewal of such monument, monuments or memorials, or of any structures, fences or walks upon its land, or for planting and cultivating trees, shrubs, flowers or plants, in and around or upon its lands, or for improving or embellishing the same in any manner consistent with the design and purposes of the association according to the terms of such grant, devise or bequest. It may take by gift or purchase any lots or lands, in any cemetery within such county, to be used and occupied exclusively for the burial of honorably discharged soldiers and sailors who served in either of such wars, and for the erection of suitable monuments or memorials therein. A town clerk or the board of trustees of a village shall, upon the petition of twenty-five resident taxpayers, submit to an annual town meeting or village election, as the case may be, a proposition to raise by taxation a sum stated therein, not exceeding five hundred dollars in any one year, for the purpose of erecting such a monument, or contributing to the expense of such a monument erected by a corporation under this section, or for repairing or improving the same and the grounds thereof; and such tax shall be levied in the manner prescribed by law for levying general

taxes in such town or village; and when raised shall be applied to the purposes specified in such proposition.

§ 2. This act shall effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
Office of the Secretary of State, } ss.:

I have compared the preceding with the original law on file in this office, and do hereby certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original law.

JOHN T. McDONOUGH,
Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 370.

An Act in relation to the civil service of the state of New York and the cities and civil divisions thereof.

Became a law April 19, 1899, with the approval of the Governor. Passed, a majority being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

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§ 21. Power of removal limited.—Every person whose rights may be in any way prejudiced contrary to any of the provisions of this section shall be entitled to a writ of mandamus to remedy the wrong. No person holding a position by appointment or employment in the state of New York or in the several cities, counties, towns or villages thereof, who is an honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine, having served as such in the Union army or navy during the war of the rebellion, and who is an honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine, having served as such in the army or navy of the United States during the Spanish-American war, or is an honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine of the regular army or navy of the United States, or who shall have served the term required by law in the volunteer fire department of any city, town or village in the state, or who shall have been a member thereof at the time of disbandment of said volunteer fire department, shall be removed from such position or employment, except for incompetency or misconduct shown after a hearing, upon due notice, upon stated charges and with the right

to such employee or appointee to a review by a writ of certiorari. In cities of the first class, if the position so held by any such honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine, or volunteer fireman shall become unnecessary or be abolished for reasons of economy or otherwise, the said honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine, or volunteer fireman holding the same shall not be discharged from the public service, but shall be transferred to any branch of the said service for duty in such position as he may be fitted to fill, receiving the same compensation therefor. The burden of proving incompetency or misconduct shall be upon the party alleging the same. Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to the position of private secretary or deputy of any official or department, or to any other person holding a strictly confidential relation to the appointing officer. A person serving under a probationary or provisional appointment shall not be deemed to be holding a position within the meaning of this section.

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STATE OF NEW YORK, }
Office of the Secretary of State, } ss.:

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JOHN T. McDONOUGH,
Secretary of State.

LAWS OF 1900.

LAWS OF NEW YORK—By Authority.

[Every law, unless a different time shall be prescribed therein, shall not take effect until the twentieth day after it shall have become a law. Section 43, article II, chapter 8, General Laws.]

CHAPTER 24.

An Act to amend the poor law in relation to the burial of soldiers, sailors and marines.

Became a law February 24, 1900, with the approval of the Governor. Passed, three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section eighty-three of chapter two hundred and twenty-five of the laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-six, entitled "An act in relation to the poor, constituting chapter twenty-seven of the general laws," is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 83. Burial of soldiers, sailors and marines.—The board of supervisors in each of the counties shall designate some proper person or authority, other than that designated for the care of poor persons or the custody of criminals, who shall cause to be interred, the body of any honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine, who has served in the military or naval service of the United States, who shall hereafter die without leaving means sufficient to defray his funeral expenses, but such expenses shall in no case exceed thirty-five dollars. If the deceased has relatives or friends who desire to conduct the burial, but are unable or unwilling to pay the charges therefor, such sum shall be paid by the county treasurer upon due proof of the claim, and of the death and burial of the soldier, sailor or marine to the person so conducting such burial. Such interment shall not be made in a

cemetery or cemetery plot used exclusively for the burial of poor persons deceased.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
Office of the Secretary of State, } ss.:

I have compared the preceding with the original law on file in this office, and do hereby certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original law.

JOHN T. McDONOUGH,
Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 475.

An Act to amend the poor law, in relation to the relief of soldiers, sailors and their families.

Became a law April 17, 1900, with the approval of the Governor. Passed, three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section eighty of chapter two hundred and twenty-five of the laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-six, entitled "An act in relation to the poor, constituting chapter twenty-seven of the general laws," as amended by chapter eighty-three of the laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

§ 80. Relief of soldiers and their families.—No poor or indigent soldier, sailor or marine who has served in the military or naval service of the United States, nor his family nor the families of any who may be deceased, shall be sent to any almshouse, but shall be relieved and provided for at their homes in the city or town where they may reside, so far as practicable, provided such soldier, sailor or marine or the families of those deceased, are, and have been residents of the state for one year and the proper auditing board of such city or town in those counties where the poor are a county charge, the superintendent, if but one, or superintendents of the poor, as such auditing board in those counties shall provide such sum or sums of money as may be necessary to be drawn upon by the commander and quartermaster of any post of the Grand

Army of the Republic of the city or town, made upon the written recommendation of the relief committee of such post; or if there be no post in a town or city in which it is necessary that such relief should be granted, upon the like request of the commander and quartermaster and recommendation of the relief committee of a Grand Army post located in the nearest town or city, to the town or city requested to so furnish relief, and such written request and recommendation shall be a sufficient authority for the expenditures so made.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
Office of the Secretary of State, } ss.:

I have compared the preceding with the original law on file in this office, and do hereby certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original law.

JOHN T. McDONOUGH,
Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 508.

AN ACT to amend the penal code, relating to the unauthorized wearing of badges.

Became a law April 18, 1900, with the approval of the Governor. Passed, three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section six hundred and seventy-four-a of the penal code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 674a. Unauthorized wearing of badges of certain orders and societies.—Any person who wilfully wears the badge or the button of the Grand Army of the Republic, the insignia, badge or rosette of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, or of the Military Order of Foreign Wars of the United States, or the badge or button of the Spanish war veterans, or the order of Patrons of Husbandry, or of any society, order or organization, of ten years' standing in the state of New York, or uses the same to obtain aid or assistance within this state, unless entitled to use or wear the same under the constitution

and by-laws, rules and regulations of such order or of such society, order or organization, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
Office of the Secretary of State, } ss.:

I have compared the preceding with the original law on file in this office, and do hereby certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original law.

JOHN T. McDONOUGH,
Secretary of State.

LAWS OF 1901.

LAWS OF NEW YORK.—By Authority.

[Every law, unless a different time shall be prescribed therein shall not take effect until the twentieth day after it shall have become a law. Section 43, article II, chapter 8, General Laws.]

CHAPTER 26.

An Act to amend chapter two hundred and twenty of the laws of 1895, entitled "An act to enable veterans to participate in the exercises of Memorial day."

Became a law February 19, 1901, with the approval of the Governor. Passed, a majority being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section one of chapter two hundred and twenty of the laws of 1895, entitled "An act to enable veterans to participate in the exercises of Memorial day," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the head of every public department and of every court of the state of New York, or every superintendent or foreman on the public works of said state, of the county officers of the several counties of the said state, and of the head of every department, bureau and office in the government of the various cities and villages of this state, to give leave of absence with pay for the twenty-four hours of the thirtieth day of May or such other day as may, according to law, be observed as Memorial day, to every person in the service of the state, the county, the city or village, as the case may be, who served in the army or the navy of the United States in the war of the rebellion and who was honorably discharged from such service. A refusal to give such leave of absence to one entitled thereto shall be neglect of duty.

§ 2. All laws or parts of laws, special or general, so far as inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW YORK,
Office of the Secretary of State, } ss.:

I have compared the preceding with the original law on file in this office, and do hereby certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original law.

JOHN T. McDONOUGH,
Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 533.

An Act relating to the rights of veterans.

Became a law April 25, 1901, with the approval of the Governor. Passed, three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The provisions of a special, local or general law, passed by the legislature of this state during the year 1901, shall not be construed to permit a suspension or removal by municipal authorities of honorably discharged soldiers, sailors or marines, who served as such in the Union army or navy during the war of the rebellion or in the army or navy of the United States during the Spanish-American war, or who are honorably discharged soldiers, sailors or marines of the regular army or navy of the United States or who shall have served the term required by law in a volunteer fire department of any city, town or village in the state, or who shall have been a member thereof at the time of the disbandment of such volunteer fire department, except for incompetency or misconduct in the manner prescribed by section 21 of the civil service law; nor shall any of the provisions of any such special, general or local law, passed by the legislature during such year be construed to abridge any of the rights and privileges possessed by such honorably discharged soldiers, sailors or marines, or member of a volunteer fire depart-

ment, conferred upon them by any law passed prior to January 1, 1901.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW YORK,
Office of the Secretary of State, } ss.:

I have compared the preceding with the original law on file in this office, and do hereby certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original law.

JOHN T. McDONOUGH,
Secretary of State.

LAWS OF 1902.

LAWS OF NEW YORK — By Authority.

[Every law, unless a different time shall be prescribed therein, shall not take effect until the twentieth day after it shall have become a law. Section 43, article II, chapter 8, General Laws.]

CHAPTER 81.

AN ACT to amend chapter two hundred and twenty of the laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, entitled "An act to enable veterans to participate in the exercises of memorial day," by extending its provisions to include veterans of the Spanish war, or the insurrection in the Philippines.

Became a law, March 5, 1902, with the approval of the Governor. Passed, three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section one of chapter two hundred and twenty of the laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, entitled "An act to enable veterans to participate in the exercises of memorial day," as amended by chapter twenty-six of the laws of nineteen hundred and one, is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 1. It shall be the duty of the head of every public department and of every court of the state of New York, of every superintendent or foreman on the public works of said state, of the county officers of the several counties of said state, and of the head of every department, bureau and office in the government of the various cities and villages in this state, to give leave of absence with pay for the twenty-four hours of the thirtieth day of May, or such other day as may, according to law, be observed as memorial day, to every person in the service of the state, the county, the city or village, as the case may be, who served in the army or the navy of the United States in the war of the rebellion, or who served in the regular or volunteer army or the navy or the marine corps of the United States during the war with Spain or during the insurrection in the Philippine islands, and who was honorably discharged from such serv-

ice. A refusal to give such leave of absence to one entitled thereto shall be neglect of duty.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
Office of the Secretary of State, } ss.:

I have compared the preceding with the original law on file in this office, and do hereby certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original law.

JOHN T. McDONOUGH,
Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 270.

An Act to amend the civil service law, in relation to veterans.

Became a law March 29, 1902, with the approval of the Governor. Passed, a majority being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

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§ 21. Power of removal limited.—Every person whose rights may be in any way prejudiced contrary to any of the provisions of this section shall be entitled to a writ of mandamus to remedy the wrong. No person holding a position by appointment or employment in the state of New York or in the several cities, counties, towns or villages thereof, who is an honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine, having served as such in the Union army or navy during the war of the rebellion and who is an honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine, having served as such in the volunteer army or navy of the United States during the Spanish war, or who shall have served the term required by law in the volunteer fire department of any city, town or village in the state, or who shall have been a member thereof at the time of disbandment of such volunteer fire department, shall be removed from such position or employment except for incompetency or misconduct shown after a hearing upon due notice, upon stated charges and with the right to such employee or appointee to a review by a writ of certiorari. If the position so held by any such honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine, or volunteer fireman shall become unnecessary or

be abolished for reason of economy or otherwise, the said honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine, or volunteer fireman holding the same shall not be discharged from the public service, but shall be transferred to any branch of the said service for duty in such position as he may be fitted to fill, receiving the same compensation therefor, and it is hereby made the duty of all persons clothed with power of appointment to make such transfer effective. The burden of proving incompetency or misconduct shall be upon the person alleging the same. Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to the position of private secretary, cashier or deputy of any official department.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
Office of the Secretary of State, } ss.:

I have compared the preceding with the original law on file in this office, and do hereby certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original law.

JOHN T. McDONOUGH,
Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 206.

An Act in relation to the removal of the remains of deceased soldiers from potter's field and neglected or abandoned cemeteries to incorporated cemeteries which are properly cared for and to provide for a soldiers' plot in such cemeteries and to defray the expenses of obtaining plots and for the removals and reinterment of the remains of deceased soldiers and to provide for the annual care of soldiers' plots in cemeteries.

Became a law March 21, 1902, with the approval of the Governor. Passed, a majority being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The town board in each of the towns of this state may upon the application in writing of any veteran soldiers' association in the town, or upon a petition in writing of five or more veteran soldiers in towns where no veteran soldiers' organization exists, purchase or provide a soldiers' plot in one

or more cemeteries where no burial plots are now owned by soldiers' organizations, in which burial plots deceased soldiers may be interred, and may also provide for the annual care of soldiers' burial plots in cemeteries, at the rate of not to exceed fifty cents for each soldier's grave in such burial plot or plots and the expense shall be included in the town expenses, assessed, levied and collected in the same manner as other town expenses are levied and collected.

§ 2. Upon a verified petition presented to a judge of a court of record by any soldiers' organization in any town in this state by a majority of its officers, or a majority of any memorial committee in any town where there are two or more veteran soldiers' organizations, or in towns where there are no veteran soldiers' organizations, may upon the petition of five or more veteran soldiers, the judge to whom said verified petition is presented shall make an order to show cause, returnable before him at a time and place within the county in not less than fourteen nor more than twenty days from the date of the presentation of said petition, why the remains of any deceased soldiers buried in potter's field, or in any neglected or abandoned cemeteries should not be removed to and reinterred in a properly kept incorporated cemetery in the same town or in a town adjoining the town in which the remains of a deceased soldier is buried, and to fix the amount of the expenses for such removal and reinterment, and the order to show cause shall provide for its publication in a newspaper, to be designated in the order, which is published nearest to the cemetery from which the removal is sought to be made, one in each week for two successive weeks. The verified petition presented to the judge shall show that the petitioners are a majority of the officers of a veteran soldier organization, or a majority of a memorial committee in towns where two or more veteran soldier organizations exist, or that the petitioners are honorably discharged veteran soldiers in towns where no veteran soldier organization exists, and (1) the name of the deceased soldier or soldiers whose remains are sought to be removed, and if known the company and regiment in which he or they served; (2) the name and location of the cemetery in which he is interred and from which removal is asked to be

made; (3) the name and location of the incorporated cemetery to which the remains are desired to be removed and reinterred; (4) the facts showing the reasons for such removal. Upon the return day of the order to show cause and at the time and place fixed in said order, upon filing proof of publication of the order to show cause with the judge, if no reason or objection is made thereto, he shall make an order directing the removal of the remains of said deceased soldier or soldiers to the cemetery designated in the petition within the town or within a town adjoining the one in which the remains are then buried and shall specify in the order the amount of the expenses of such removal, which expenses of removal and reinterment shall be a charge upon the town from which the removal is made and such expenses shall be audited by the town board and included in the tax levy of the town and paid the same as other town charges, and on and after the removal and reinterment of the remains of the deceased soldier or soldiers in a soldiers' plot, the expenses for annual care of the grave in the soldiers' burial plot to which the removal is made shall be annually provided by the town in which the remains were originally buried, at the rate of not to exceed fifty cents per grave and shall be paid annually to the incorporated cemetery association to which the remains of each deceased soldier may be removed and reinterred. The petition and order shall be filed in the county clerk's office of the county in which the remains of the deceased soldier were originally interred, and the service of a certified copy of the final order upon the cemetery association shall be made prior to any removal. Any relative of the deceased soldier or soldiers, or the officer of any cemetery association in which the remains of the deceased soldier or soldiers were originally interred, or the authorities of the town in which the soldier or soldiers were originally buried may oppose the granting of said order and the judge shall summarily hear the statement of the parties and make such order as the justice and equity of the application shall require. Any headstone or monument which marks the grave of the deceased soldier shall be removed and reset at the grave in the cemetery to which the removal is permitted to be made and in each case the final order shall provide the amount

of the expenses of such removals and reinterment and resetting of the headstone or monument. The order shall designate the person or persons having charge of the removals and reinterments. Upon completion of the removal, reinterment and resetting of the headstones or monuments, the person or persons having charge of the same shall make a verified report of the removal, reinterment and resetting of the headstone or monument and file the report in the clerk's office for the proper county. The word "soldier" shall be construed to mean an honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine who served in the army or navy of the United States, and the words "soldiers' plot" shall be construed to mean a plot of land in any incorporated cemetery set apart to be exclusively used as a place for interring the remains of deceased veteran soldiers of the United States.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
Office of the Secretary of State, } ss.:

I have compared the preceding with the original law on file in this office, and do hereby certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original law.

JOHN T. McDONOUGH,
Secretary of State.

LAWS OF 1903.

LAWS OF NEW YORK — By Authority.

[Every law, unless a different time shall be prescribed therein, shall not take effect until the twentieth day after it shall have become a law. Section 43, article II, chapter 8, General Laws.]

CHAPTER 96.

An Act to amend section eighty-three of chapter two hundred and twenty-five of the laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-six, as amended by chapter twenty-four of the laws of nineteen hundred in relation to the burial of soldiers, sailors or marines, and their wives or widows.

Became a law March 25, 1903, with the approval of the Governor. Passed, three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section eighty-three of chapter two hundred and twenty-five of the laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-six, entitled "An act in relation to the poor, constituting chapter twenty-seven of the general laws, as amended by chapter twenty-four of the laws of nineteen hundred," is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 83. The board of supervisors in each of the counties shall designate some proper person or authority, other than that designated for the care of poor persons, or the custody of criminals, who shall cause to be interred the body of any honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine, who has served in the military or naval service of the United States, or the body of the wife or widow of any soldier, sailor or marine, married to him previous to eighteen hundred and ninety, who shall die such widow, and who shall hereafter die without leaving sufficient means to defray his or her funeral expenses, but such expenses shall in no case exceed thirty-five dollars. If the deceased has relatives or friends who desire to conduct the burial, but are unable or unwill-

ing to pay the charge therefor, such sum shall be paid by the county treasurer, upon due proof of the claim, and of the death and burial of the soldier, sailor or marine, or of the wife or widow of such soldier, sailor or marine to the person so conducting such burial. Such interment shall not be made in a cemetery or cemetery plot used exclusively for the burial of poor persons deceased.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
Office of the Secretary of State, } ss.:

I have compared the preceding with the original law on file in this office, and do hereby certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original law.

JOHN F. O'BRIEN,
Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 172

An Act to amend the highway law, in relation to assessments for highway labor.

Became a law April 14, 1903, with the approval of the Governor. Passed, three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision two of section thirty-three of chapter five hundred and sixty-eight of the laws of eighteen hundred and ninety, entitled "An act in relation to highways, constituting chapter nineteen of the general laws," as amended by chapter three hundred and fifty-three of the laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, is hereby amended to read as follows:

2. Every male inhabitant being above the age of twenty-one years excepting all honorably discharged soldiers and sailors who lost an arm or a leg in the military or naval service of the United States, or who are unable to perform manual labor by reason of injuries received, or disabilities incurred in such service, members of any fire department formed or created pursuant to any statute and situated within such town, persons seventy years of

age, clergymen and priests of every denomination, paupers, idiots and lunatics, shall be assessed at least one day.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
Office of the Secretary of State, } ss.:

I have compared the preceding with the original law on file in this office, and do hereby certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original law.

JOHN F. O'BRIEN,
Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 272.

An Act to amend section six hundred and forty of the penal code, relative to the desecration, mutilation or improper use of the flag of the United States, or of this state.

Became a law April 24, 1903, with the approval of the Governor. Passed, a majority being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision sixteen of section six hundred and forty of the penal code as added by chapter twelve of the laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-nine is hereby amended to read as follows:

16. Any person, who in any manner, for exhibition or display, shall place or cause to be placed, any word, figure, mark, picture, design, drawing or any advertisement, of any nature, upon any flag, standard, color or ensign of the United States or state flag of this state or ensign, or shall expose or cause to be exposed to public view any such flag, standard, color or ensign, upon which shall be printed, painted, or otherwise placed, or to which shall be attached, appended, affixed, or annexed, any word, figure, mark, picture, design or drawing, or any advertisement of any nature, or who shall expose to public view, manufacture, sell, expose for sale, give away, or have in possession for sale, or to give away, or for use for any purpose, any article, or substance, being an article of merchandise, or a receptacle of merchandise upon which shall have been printed, painted, attached, or other-

wise placed, a representation of any such flag, standard, color, or ensign, to advertise, call attention to, decorate, mark, or distinguish, the article, or substance, on which so placed, or who shall publicly mutilate, deface, defile, or defy, trample upon, or cast contempt, either by words or act, upon any such flag, standard, color, or ensign, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than thirty days, or both, in the discretion of the court. The words, flag, standard, color or ensign, as used in this subdivision or section, shall include any flag, standard, color, ensign, or any picture or representation, of either thereof, made of any substance, or represented on any substance, and of any size, evidently purporting to be, either of said flag, standard, color or ensign, of the United States of America, or a picture or a representation, of either thereof, upon which shall be shown the colors, the stars and the stripes, in any number of either thereof, or by which the person seeing the same, without deliberation may believe the same to represent the flag, colors, standard, or ensign, of the United States of America. This subdivision and section shall not apply to any act permitted by the statutes of the United States of America or by the United States army and navy regulations nor shall it be construed to apply to a newspaper, periodical, book, pamphlet, circular, certificate, diploma, warrant or commission of appointment to office, ornamental picture, article of jewelry, or stationery for use in correspondence, on any of which shall be printed, painted or placed, said flag, disconnected from any advertisement.

§ 2. This act shall take effect September first, nineteen hundred and three.

STATE OF NEW YORK,
Office of the Secretary of State, } ss.:

I have compared the preceding with the original law on file in this office, and do hereby certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original law.

JOHN F. O'BRIEN,
Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 506.

An Act to amend chapter two hundred and six of the laws of nineteen hundred and two, entitled "An act in relation to the removal of the remains of deceased soldiers from potter's field and neglected or abandoned cemeteries to incorporated cemeteries which are properly cared for and to provide for a soldiers' plot in such cemeteries and to defray the expenses of obtaining plots and for the removal and reinterment of the remains of deceased soldiers and to provide for the annual care of soldiers' plots in cemeteries," relative to the erection of new headstones or monuments in the cemeteries to which such remains have been removed.

Became a law April 29, 1904, with the approval of the Governor. Passed, three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section two of chapter two hundred and six of the laws of nineteen hundred and two, entitled "An act in relation to the removal of the remains of deceased soldiers from potter's field and neglected or abandoned cemeteries to incorporated cemeteries which are properly cared for and to provide for a soldiers' plot in such cemeteries and to defray the expenses of obtaining plot and for the removal and reinterment of the remains of deceased soldiers and to provide for the annual care of soldiers' plots in cemeteries," is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 2. Upon a verified petition presented to a judge of a court of record by any soldiers' organization in any town in this state by a majority of its officers, or a majority of any memorial committee in any town where there are two or more veteran soldiers' organizations, or in towns where there are no veteran soldiers' organizations, may upon the petition of five or more veteran soldiers, the judge to whom said verified petition is presented shall make an order to show cause, returnable before him at a time and place within the county in not less than fourteen nor more than twenty days from the date of presentation of said petition, why the remains of any deceased soldiers buried in potter's field, or in any neglected or abandoned cemeteries should not be removed to and reinterred in a properly kept incorporated cemetery in the same town or in a town adjoining the town in which the remains

of a deceased soldier is buried, and to fix the amount of the expenses for such removal and reinterment, and the order to show cause shall provide for its publication in a newspaper, to be designated in the order, which is published nearest to the cemetery from which the removal is sought to be made, once in each week for two successive weeks. The verified petition presented to the judge shall show that the petitioners are a majority of the officers of a veteran soldier organization, or a majority of a memorial committee in towns where two or more veteran soldier organizations exist, or that the petitioners are honorably discharged veteran soldiers in towns where no veteran soldier organization exists, and (1) the name of the deceased soldier or soldiers whose remains are sought to be removed, and if known the company and regiment in which he or they served; (2) the name and location of the cemetery in which he is interred and from which removal is asked to be made; (3) the name and location of the incorporated cemetery to which the remains are desired to be removed and reinterred; (4) the facts showing the reasons for such removal. Upon the return day of the order to show cause and at the time and place fixed in said order, upon filing proof of publication of the order to show cause with the judge, if no reason or objection is made thereto, he shall make an order directing the removal of the remains of said deceased soldier or soldiers to the cemetery designated in the petition within the town or within a town adjoining the one in which the remains are then buried and shall specify in the order the amount of the expenses of such removal, which expenses of removal and reinterment shall be a charge upon the town from which the removal is made and such expenses shall be audited by the town board and included in the tax levy of the town and paid the same as other town charges, and on and after the removal and reinterment of the remains of the deceased soldier or soldiers in a soldiers' plot, the expenses for annual care of the grave in the soldiers' burial plot, to which the removal is made shall be annually provided by the town in which the remains were originally buried, at the rate of not to exceed fifty cents per grave and shall be paid annually to the incorporated cemetery association to which the remains of each deceased soldier may be removed and reinterred. The petition and order shall be filed in the county clerk's office of the county in which the remains of the deceased

LAWS OF 1905.

LAWS OF NEW YORK — By Authority.

[Every law, unless a different time shall be prescribed therein, shall not take effect until the twentieth day after it shall have become a law. Section 43, article II, chapter 8, General Laws.]

CHAPTER 162.

An Act to amend chapter three hundred and seventy-one of the laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-six, entitled "An act to authorize the issuing of licenses to honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines for hawking, peddling and vending of merchandise within this state," in relation to auction sales.

Became a law April 8, 1905, with the approval of the Governor. Passed, three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Sections one and two of chapter three hundred and seventy-one of the laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-six, entitled "An act to authorize the issuing of licenses to honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines for hawking, peddling, and vending of merchandise within this state," as amended by chapter six hundred and fifty-nine of the laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-nine and chapter five hundred and fifty-six of the laws of nineteen hundred and four are hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 1. Every honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine of the military or naval service of the United States, who is a resident of this state and a veteran of the late rebellion, or of the Spanish-American war, or who shall have served beyond sea, shall have the right to hawk, peddle, vend and sell by auction his own goods, wares or merchandise or solicit trade within this state, by producing a license for that purpose to be issued as herein provided.

§ 2. On the presentation to the clerk of any county in which any soldier, sailor or marine may reside of a certificate of honorable discharge from the army or navy of the United States which discharge shall show that the person presenting it is a veteran of the late rebellion or of the Spanish-American war, or that he has served beyond sea, such county clerk shall issue without cost to such soldier, sailor or marine a license certifying him to be entitled to the benefits of this act.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Office of the Secretary of State, }
STATE OF NEW YORK, } ss.:

I have compared the preceding with the original law on file in this office, and do hereby certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original law.

JOHN F. O'BRIEN,
Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 391.

An Act to amend chapter two hundred and six of the laws of nineteen hundred and two, entitled "An act in relation to the removal of the remains of deceased soldiers from potter's field and neglected or abandoned cemeteries to incorporated cemeteries which are properly cared for and to provide for a soldiers' plot in such cemeteries and to defray the expenses of obtaining plots and for the removals and reinterment of the remains of deceased soldiers and to provide for the annual care of soldiers' plots in cemeteries," providing for the payment of certain expenses by the county.

Became a law May 16, 1905, with the approval of the Governor. Passed, three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section two of chapter two hundred and six of the laws of nineteen hundred and two, entitled "An act in relation to the removal of the remains of deceased soldiers from potter's field and neglected or abandoned cemeteries to incorporated cemeteries which are properly cared for and to provide for a soldiers' plot in such cemeteries and to defray the expenses of obtaining

plots and for the removals and reinterment of the remains of deceased soldiers and to provide for the annual care of soldiers' plots in cemeteries," as amended by chapter five hundred and six of the laws of nineteen hundred and four, is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 2. Upon a verified petition presented to a judge of a court of record by any soldiers' organization in any town or city in this state by a majority of its officers, or a majority of any memorial committee in any town or city where there are two or more veteran soldiers' organizations, or in towns or cities where there are no veteran soldiers' organizations, upon the petition of five or more veteran soldiers, the judge to whom said verified petition is presented shall make an order to show cause, returnable before him at a time and place within the county in not less than fourteen nor more than twenty days from the date of presentation of said petition, why the remains of any deceased soldiers buried in potter's field, or in any neglected or abandoned cemeteries should not be removed to and reinterred in a properly kept incorporated cemetery in the same town or city or in a town adjoining the town or city in which the remains of a deceased soldier is buried, and to fix the amount of the expenses for such removal and reinterment, and the order to show cause shall provide for its publication in a newspaper, to be designated in the order, which it is published nearest to the cemetery from which the removal is sought to be made, once in each week for two successive weeks. The verified petition presented to the judge shall show that the petitioners are a majority of the officers of a veteran soldier organization, or a majority of a memorial committee in towns or cities where two or more veteran soldier organization* exist, or that the petitioners are honorably discharged veteran soldiers in towns or cities where no veteran soldier organization exists, and (1) the name of the deceased soldier or soldiers whose remains are sought to be removed, and if known the company and regiment in which he or they served; (2) the name and location of the cemetery in which he is interred and from which removal is asked to be made; (3) the name and location of the incorporated cemetery to which the remains are desired to be re-

* So in original.

moved and reinterred; (4) the facts showing the reasons for such removal. Upon the return day of the order to show cause and at the time and place fixed in said order, upon filing proof of publication of the order to show cause with the judge, if no reason or objection is made thereto, he shall make an order directing the removal of the remains of said deceased soldier or soldiers to the cemetery designated in the petition within the town or city or within a town adjoining the town or city in which the remains are then buried and shall specify in the order the amount of the expenses of such removal, which expenses of removal and reinterment, including the expense of the proceeding under this act, shall be a charge upon the county in which the town or city is situated from which the removal is made and such expenses shall be a county charge and audited by the board of supervisors of the county and paid in the same manner as other county charges. On and after the removal and reinterment of the remains of the deceased soldier or soldiers in the soldiers' plot, the expenses for annual care of the grave in the soldiers' burial plot to which the removal is made shall be annually provided by the town or city in which the remains were originally buried, at the rate of not to exceed fifty cents per grave and shall be paid annually to the incorporated cemetery association to which the remains of each deceased soldier may be removed and reinterred. The petition and order shall be filed in the county clerk's office of the county in which the remains of the deceased soldier were originally interred, and the service of a certified copy of the final order upon the cemetery association shall be made prior to any removal. Any relative of the deceased soldier or soldiers, or the officer of any cemetery association in which the remains of the deceased soldier or soldiers were originally interred, or the authorities of the county in which the soldier or soldiers was originally buried may oppose the granting of said order and the judge shall summarily hear the statement of the parties and make such order as the justice and equity of the application shall require. Any headstone or monument which marks the grave of the deceased soldier shall be removed and reset at the grave in the cemetery in which the removal is permitted to be made and in each case the final order shall provide the amount of the expenses of such removals and reinterment and resetting of the headstone or monument, including

the expenses of the proceedings under this act; except that where provision is otherwise made for the purchase or erection of a new headstone, monument, or marker at the grave in the cemetery to which such removal is permitted, such old headstone or monument need not be so removed and reset, in which case such final order shall not provide for the expense of resetting. The order shall designate the person or persons having charge of the removals and reinterments. Upon completion of the removal, reinterment and resetting of the headstones or monuments, the person or persons having charge of the same shall make a verified report of the removal, reinterment and resetting of the headstone or monument and file the report in the clerk's office of the proper county. The word "soldier" shall be construed to mean an honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine who served in the army or navy of the United States, and the words "soldiers' plot," shall be construed to mean a plot of land in any incorporated cemetery set apart to be exclusively used as a place for interring the remains of deceased veteran soldiers of the United States.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
Office of the Secretary of State, } ss.:

I have compared the preceding with the original law on file in this office, and do hereby certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original law.

JOHN F. O'BRIEN,
Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 411.

AN ACT to amend the membership corporations law, relative to soldiers monument corporations.

Became a law May 16, 1905, with the approval of the Governor. Passed, three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section one hundred and twenty of chapter five hundred and fifty-nine of the laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, entitled "An act relating to membership corporations, constituting chapter forty-three of the general laws," is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 120. Certificate of incorporation. Three or more persons may become a corporation for the purpose of erecting a monument, monuments or memorial, including a memorial hall or building, to perpetuate the memory of the soldiers and sailors who served in defense of the Union in the late war, or in the army or navy of the United States in the late war with Spain, or in the army and navy of the United States in any war in which the government of the United States has been engaged, including the American revolution on the side of the Colonies; such monument or memorial alike to perpetuate the memory of those soldiers and sailors, who, since rendering such military or naval service have become resident of and die in the town, city or county in which such monument or memorial is erected; by making, acknowledging and filing a certificate, stating the particular object for which the corporation is to be created; the name of the proposed corporation; the number of its directors, not less than six nor more than twelve; the names and places of residence of the persons to be directors until the first annual meeting, and the time for holding its annual meetings. Such certificate shall not be filed without the approval, endorsed thereupon or annexed thereto, of a justice of the supreme court. On filing such certificate, in pursuance of law, the signers thereof, their associates and successors shall be a corporation in accordance with the provisions of such certificate.

§ 2. Section one hundred and twenty-one of such chapter five hundred and fifty-nine of the laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, as amended by chapter two hundred and seven of the laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 121. Property; erection of monuments.—Such a corporation may acquire and hold, within the county in which its certificate of incorporation is recorded not more than five acres of land to be used exclusively for the erection of a suitable monument or monuments or other memorial to perpetuate the memory of the soldiers and sailors who served in defense of the Union in the war of the rebellion, or who served in the army or navy of the United States in the late war with Spain or in the army or navy of the United States in any war in which the government of the United States has been engaged, including the American revolution on the side of the Colonies; such monument or memorial alike to perpetuate the memory of those soldiers and sailors who, since rendering such military or naval service, have become resident of

and die in the town, city or county in which such monument or memorial is erected. Such a corporation may erect any such monument, monuments or memorial upon any public street, square or ground of any town, city or village, with the consent of the proper officers thereof, or may purchase or accept the donation of land suitable for that purpose; and may take and hold the property given, devised or bequeathed to it in trust, to apply the same or the income or proceeds thereof for the erection, improvement, embellishment, preservation, repair or renewal of such monument, monuments or memorial, or of any structure, fences or walks upon its lands, or for planting or cultivating trees, shrubs, flowers and plants, in and around or upon its lands, or for improving or embellishing the same in any manner consistent with the design and purposes of the association, according to the terms of such grant, devise or bequest. It may take by gift or purchase any lots or lands in any cemetery within such county to be used and occupied exclusively for the burial of honorably discharged soldiers and sailors who served in either of such wars, and for the erection of suitable monuments or memorials therein. A town clerk or the board of trustees of a village shall, upon the petition of twenty-five resident taxpayers, submit to a biennial town meeting or village election, as the case may be a proposition to raise by taxation a sum stated therein, not exceeding five hundred dollars in any one year, for the purpose of erecting such a monument, or contributing to the expense of such a monument, erected by a corporation under this section, or for repairing or improving the same and the grounds thereof; and such tax shall be levied in the manner prescribed by law for levying general taxes in such town or village, and when raised shall be applied to the purposes specified in such proposition.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
Office of the Secretary of State, } ss.:

I have compared the preceding with the original law on file in this office, and do hereby certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original law.

JOHN F. O'BRIEN,
Secretary of State.

LAWS OF 1906.

LAWS OF NEW YORK — By Authority.

[Every law, unless a different time shall be prescribed therein, shall not take effect until the twentieth day after it shall have become a law. Section 43, article II, chapter 8, General Laws.]

CHAPTER 105.

AN ACT to amend the military code relative to armories.

Became a law, March 23, 1906, with the approval of the Governor. Passed, three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section one hundred and forty-three of chapter two hundred and twelve of the laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, entitled "An act in relation to the militia, constituting chapter sixteen of the general laws," as amended by chapter two hundred and forty of the laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 143. Armories shall be used only by troops and cadet corps of organizations of the national guard and the naval militia and for such other military purposes as may be approved by the adjutant-general; except that they may be used by posts of the grand army of the republic, or other veteran organizations of honorably discharged union soldiers, sailors or marines, of the late war of the rebellion or of the Spanish-American war, as provided in section one hundred and thirty-seven of this chapter; and by educational institutions where military instruction is imparted, with the approval of the commanding officer of the armory, and his brigade commander, provided the military instructor of such institution is an officer of the army or navy of the United States, or of the national guard or naval militia of this state, or has, within five years, passed an examining board for officers of this state, and on occasions of state or national importance, upon the recommendation of the major-general commanding the national guard, the commanding officer of the brigade of the national guard in whose jurisdiction the armory is located

and the officer in charge of the armory; and under such restrictions as it may prescribe the armory commission shall have the power to allow the use of armories for such other purposes as may appear to it expedient and for the best interests of the military service and of the state; provided however that no armory shall be so used more than twice nor more than twenty days in the aggregate in any one year, and then only on the delivery to the commanding officer of the brigade in whose jurisdiction the armory is located, of a bond approved by him and executed by the person, association, partnership, or corporation proposing to use the armory, and a surety company approved by such commanding officer and in an amount approved by him, conditioned that such person, association, partnership or corporation will indemnify and save harmless the state and the county in which the armory is located, and the military organizations occupying the armory, against any loss, damage, cost or expense which may accrue or be incurred by reason of such use, to the armory or any property therein, or connected therewith, owned by the state or county or by such military organizations and also to pay all expenses of heating, lighting, and for janitor or other services connected with such use. A bond given as herein provided may be prosecuted for breach of the conditions thereof in the name of the people by a judge advocate, and all moneys recovered shall be paid to the state or county treasurer, or to the military organizations, as the case requires.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
Office of the Secretary of State, } ss.:

I have compared the preceding with the original law on file in this office, and do hereby certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original law.

JOHN F. O'BRIEN,
Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 360.

AN ACT to amend the Greater New York charter, so as to extend the powers of the board of estimate and apportionment to appropriate money for the proper observation of Memorial day in the City of New York.

Became a law, May 10, 1906, with the approval of the Governor. Passed, three-fifths being present.

Accepted by the City.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section two hundred and forty-five of the Greater New York charter, as enacted by chapter five hundred and fifty-two of the laws of nineteen hundred and five, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

§ 245. The board of estimate and apportionment shall have power in its discretion to annually include in its final estimate such sum as is may deem proper for the due observance of Memorial day to be expended by the memorial committee of the Grand Army of the Republic and by the United Spanish War Veterans and Army and Navy Union in the various boroughs of said city, or in such other manner as to the said board of estimate and apportionment shall seem proper. For the purpose of providing funds for such observance for the year nineteen hundred and six the board of estimate and apportionment in its discretion and without the concurrence of any other board is empowered to authorize the issue of special revenue bonds to an amount which said board of estimate and apportionment may deem necessary, to be redeemed out of the proceeds of the tax levy of the year following their issue.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
Office of the Secretary of State, } ss.:

I have compared the preceding with the original law on file in this office, and do hereby certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original law.

JOHN F. O'BRIEN,
Secretary of State.

LAWS OF 1907.

LAWS OF NEW YORK — By Authority.

[Every law, unless a different time shall be prescribed therein, shall not take effect until the twentieth day after it shall have become a law. Section 43, article II, chapter 8, General Laws.]

CHAPTER 328.

An Act to amend the poor law, in relation to the burial of soldiers, sailors or marines and their wives or widows.

Became a law May 19, 1908, with the approval of the Governor. Passed, three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section eighty-three of chapter two hundred and twenty-five of the laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-six, entitled "An act in relation to the poor, constituting chapter twenty-seven of the general laws," as amended by chapter twenty-four of the laws of nineteen hundred and chapter ninety-six of the laws of nineteen hundred and three, is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 83. Burial of soldiers, sailors or marines.—The board of supervisors in each of the counties shall designate some proper person or authority, other than that designated for the care of poor persons, or the custody of criminals, who shall cause to be interred the body of any honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine, who has served in the military or naval service of the United States, or the body of the wife or widow of any soldier, sailor or marine, married to him previous to eighteen hundred and ninety, who shall die such widow, and who shall hereafter die without leaving sufficient means to defray his or her funeral expenses, but such expenses shall in no case exceed fifty dollars. If the deceased has relatives or friends who desire to conduct the burial, but are unable or unwilling to pay the charge therefor, such sum shall be paid by the county treasurer, upon due proof of the claim, and of the death and burial of the soldier, sailor or

marine, or of the wife or widow of such soldier, sailor or marine to the person so conducting such burial. Such interment shall not be made in the cemetery or cemetery plot used exclusively for the burial of poor persons deceased.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
Office of the Secretary of State, } ss.:

I have compared the preceding with the original law on file in this office, and do hereby certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original law.

JOHN S. WHALEN
Secretary of State.

LAWS OF 1908.

LAWS OF NEW YORK — By Authority.

[Every law, unless a different time shall be prescribed therein, shall not take effect until the twentieth day after it shall have become a law. Section 43, article II, chapter 8, General Laws.]

CHAPTER 328.

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Became a law May 19, 1908, with the approval of the Governor. Passed, three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section eighty-three of chapter two hundred and twenty-five of the laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-six, entitled "An act in relation to the poor, constituting chapter twenty-seven of the general laws," as amended by chapter twenty-four of the laws of nineteen hundred and chapter ninety-six of the laws of nineteen hundred and three, is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 83. Burial of soldiers, sailors or marines.—The board of supervisors in each of the counties shall designate some proper person or authority, other than that designated for the care of poor persons, or the custody of criminals, who shall cause to be interred the body of any honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine, who has served in the military or naval service of the United States, or the body of the wife or widow of any soldier, sailor or marine, married to him previous to eighteen hundred and ninety, who shall die such widow, and who shall hereafter die without having sufficient means to defray his or her funeral expenses, but such expenses shall in no case exceed fifty dollars. If the deceased has relatives or friends who desire to conduct the burial, but are unable or unwilling to pay the charge therefor, such sum shall be paid by the county treasurer, upon due proof of the claim, and of the death and burial of the soldier, sailor or

marine, or of the wife or widow of such soldier, sailor or marine to the person so conducting such burial. Such interment shall not be made in the cemetery or cemetery plot used exclusively for the burial of poor persons deceased.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW YORK,
Office of the Secretary of State, } ss.:

I have compared the preceding with the original law on file in this office, and do hereby certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original law.

JOHN S. WHALEN,
Secretary of State.

LAWS OF 1909.

LAWS OF NEW YORK — By Authority.

[Every law, unless a different time shall be prescribed therein, shall not take effect until the twentieth day after it shall have become a law. Section 43, article II, chapter 8, General Laws.]

CHAPTER 288.

AN ACT to amend the general city law, relative to the authorization and expenditure of money for Memorial day in cities of the third class.

Became a law May 6, 1909, with the approval of the Governor. Passed, three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Sections twelve and thirteen of chapter twenty-six of the laws of nineteen hundred and nine, entitled "An act in relation to cities, constituting chapter twenty-one of the consolidated laws," are hereby amended to read, respectively as follows:

§ 12. Money for Memorial day in cities of the third class.—The common council of any city of the third class is hereby authorized to appropriate and set aside each year a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars for the purpose of providing for the due and proper observance of Memorial day in such city.

§ 13. Moneys; how expended.—The moneys thus appropriated shall be expended under the direction of a board composed of the mayor and the commanders and quartermasters of the Grand Army posts and United Spanish War Veteran Camps of such city. The whole amount of such money appropriated or any part thereof may be spent by such board in observance of Memorial day. Bills properly verified for all claims and expenditures arising under this or the preceding section, shall be presented to and audited by such board and shall be paid by the common council of any such city. The moneys appropriated shall be

raised by tax on the real and personal property liable to taxation in any such city in the same manner as the ordinary expenses of maintaining the city government.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
Office of the Secretary of State, } ss.:

I have compared the preceding with the original law on file in this office, and do hereby certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original law.

SAMUEL S. KOENIG,
Secretary of State.

LAWS OF 1910.

LAWS OF NEW YORK — By Authority.

[Every law, unless a different time shall be prescribed therein, shall not take effect until the twentieth day after it shall have become a law. Section 43, article II, chapter 8, General Laws.]

CHAPTER 102.

An Act to amend the poor law, in relation to the relief of soldiers, sailors and their families.

Became a law April 19, 1910, with the approval of the Governor. Passed, three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Sections eighty, eighty-one, eighty-two, eighty-three and eighty-five of chapter forty-six of the laws of nineteen hundred and nine, entitled "An act in relation to the poor, constituting chapter forty-two of the consolidated laws," are hereby amended to read, respectively, as follows:

§ 80. Relief of soldiers, sailors and marines, and their families. No poor or indigent soldier, sailor or marine who has served in the military or naval service of the United States, nor his family nor the families of any who may be deceased, shall be sent to any almshouse, but shall be relieved and provided for at their homes in the city or town where they may reside, so far as practicable, provided such soldier, sailor or marine or the families of those deceased, are, and have been, residents of the state for one year; and the proper auditing board of such city or town or in those counties where the poor are a county charge, the superintendent, if but one, or superintendents of the poor, as such auditing board in those counties, shall provide such sum or sums of money as may be necessary to be drawn upon by the commander and quartermaster of any post of the Grand Army of the Republic, or of any camp of the United Spanish War Veterans of the city or town, made upon the written recommendation of the relief

committee of such post or camp; or if there be no post or camp in a town or city in which it is necessary that such relief should be granted, upon the like request of the commander and quartermaster and recommendation of the relief committee of a Grand Army post, or a camp of the United Spanish War Veterans, located in the nearest town or city, to the town or city requested to so furnish relief, and such written request and recommendation shall be a sufficient authority for the expenditures so made.

§ 81. Post or camp to give notice that it assumes charge. The commander of any such post or camp which shall undertake to supervise relief of poor veterans or their families, as herein provided, before his acts shall become operative in any town, city or county, shall file with the clerk of such town, city or county, a notice that such post or camp intends to undertake such supervision of relief, which notice shall contain the names of the relief committee, commander and other officers of the post or camp; and also an undertaking to such city, town or county, with sufficient and satisfactory sureties for the faithful and honest discharge of his duties under this article; such undertaking to be approved by the treasurer of the city or county, or the supervisor of the town, from which such relief is to be received. Such commander shall annually thereafter, during the month of October, file a similar notice with said city or town clerk, with a detailed statement of the amount of relief requested by him during the preceding year, with the names of all persons for whom such relief shall have been requested, together with a brief statement in such case, from the relief committee, upon whose recommendation the relief was requested, provided, however, that in cities of the first class said notice and said detailed statement shall be filed with the comptroller of such city, and said undertaking shall be approved by him, and provided further that in any city of the first class which is now or may hereafter be divided into boroughs, a duplicate of such notice and of such detailed statement shall be filed with the commissioner of charities for the borough in which the headquarters of such post or camp is situated, and it shall be the duty of such commissioner to annually include in his estimate of the amount necessary for the support of his department such sum or sums of money as may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions of sections eighty, eighty-one, eighty-three, eighty-four

and eighty-five of this chapter, and the proper officers charged with the duty of making the budget of any such city shall annually include therein such sum or sums of money as may be necessary for that purpose. Moneys actually laid out and expended by any such post or camp for the relief specified in section eighty of this chapter shall be reimbursed monthly to such post or camp by the comptroller on vouchers duly verified by the commander and quartermaster of said post or camp, showing the date and amount of each payment, the certificate of the post or camp relief committee, signed by at least three members, none of whom shall have received any of the relief granted by the post for which reimbursement is asked, showing that the person relieved was an actual resident of such city, and that they recommended each payment, and the receipt of the recipient for each payment, or in case such receipt could not be obtained, a statement of such fact, with the reason why such receipt could not be obtained. Such vouchers shall be made in duplicate on blanks to be supplied by the comptroller and shall be presented to the commissioner of charities for the borough in which the headquarters of the post or camp is situated, and if such commissioner is satisfied that such moneys have been actually expended as in said voucher stated, he shall approve the same, and file one of said duplicates in his office and forward the other to the comptroller, who shall pay the same by a warrant drawn to the order of the said commander. And provided further, that in any city, county or borough in which Grand Army posts or camps have organized or may organize a memorial and executive committee, the latter shall be regarded as a post of the Grand Army of the Republic or a camp of the United Spanish War Veterans. And the chairman, treasurer or almoner and bureau of relief or relief committee referred to, shall exercise the same privileges and powers as the commander, quartermaster and relief committee of a post or camp, on complying with the requirements of this and the preceding section. Wilful false swearing to such voucher shall be deemed perjury and shall be punishable as such.

§ 82. Posts or camps to appoint joint relief committees in certain cities. In all cities of this state containing less than one hundred thousand inhabitants, where there are more than one post of the Grand Army of the Republic or camp of the United

Spanish War Veterans, there shall be appointed and constituted a joint relief committee, consisting of one member from each post of the Grand Army of the Republic and from each camp of the United Spanish War Veterans in said city, which shall have complied with the provisions of law as hereinafter provided, to be chosen in such manner as such post or camp shall direct, and one member appointed by the auditing board of said city, to which all orders for relief drawn by the commander or quartermaster of any post of the Grand Army of the Republic or camp of the United Spanish War Veterans in said city, shall be referred; and no relief shall be furnished under the provisions of sections eighty or eighty-one of this chapter, except upon the approval and recommendation of said committee or a majority of the members thereof. No post of the Grand Army of the Republic or camp of the United Spanish War Veterans shall be entitled to membership in said committee unless such post or camp shall have complied with the provisions of the preceding section, and in case such post or camp shall fail to so comply with the provisions of said section and to select a member of said committee, the commander or quartermaster shall not be entitled to draw upon the fund provided by the auditing board of said city as provided in section eighty of this chapter.

§ 83. Poor or indigent soldiers, sailors or marines without families. Poor or indigent soldiers, sailors or marines provided for in this article, who are not insane, and who have no families or friends with whom they may be domiciled, may be sent to a soldiers' home. Any poor or indigent soldier, sailor or marine provided for in this chapter, or any member of the family of any living or deceased soldier, sailor or marine, who may be insane, shall, upon recommendation of the commander and relief committee of such post of the Grand Army of the Republic or camp of the United Spanish War Veterans, within the jurisdiction of which the case may occur, be sent to the proper state hospital for the insane.

§ 85. Headstones to be provided. The grave of any such deceased soldier, sailor or marine, and the grave of any honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine who served in the army or navy of the United States during the late rebellion, who shall have

been heretofore buried in any of the counties of this state, but whose grave is not marked by a suitable headstone, and who died without leaving means to defray the expense of such headstone; and the grave of any honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine who served in the army or navy of the United States during the revolutionary war, the war of eighteen hundred and twelve, the war with Mexico or the war with Spain, and the incidental insurrection in the Philippine islands, prior to July fourth, nineteen hundred and two, and who shall have been heretofore buried in any of the counties of this state, but whose grave is not now marked by a suitable headstone, shall be marked by a headstone containing the name of the deceased, and, if possible, the organization to which he belonged or in which he served. Such headstone shall not cost more than fifteen dollars, and shall be of such design and material as shall be approved by the board of supervisors, and the expense of such burial and headstone as above provided for shall be a charge upon and shall be paid by the county in which the said soldier, sailor or marine shall have died; and the board of supervisors or other board or officer vested with like powers, of the county of which such deceased soldier, sailor or marine was a resident at the time of his death, is hereby authorized and directed to audit the account and pay the expense of such burial and headstone in the same manner in which the accounts of such officer as shall be charged with the performance of such duty as above provided shall be audited and paid; provided, however, that in case such deceased soldier, sailor or marine shall be at the time of his death an inmate of any state institution, including state hospitals and soldiers' homes, or any institution supported by the state and supported at public expense therein, the expense of such burials and headstones shall be a charge upon the county of his legal residence.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
Office of the Secretary of State, } ss.:

I have compared the preceding with the original law on file in this office, and do hereby certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original law.

SAMUEL S. KOENIG,
Secretary of State

CHAPTER 264.

An Act to amend chapter fifteen of the laws of nineteen hundred and nine, entitled "An act in relation to the civil service of the state of New York and the civil divisions and cities thereof, constituting chapter seven of the consolidated laws," in relation to the power of removal.

Became a law May 9, 1910, with the approval of the Governor. Passed, three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section twenty-two of chapter fifteen of the laws of nineteen hundred and nine, entitled "An act in relation to the civil service of the state of New York and the civil divisions and cities thereof, constituting chapter seven of the consolidated laws," is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 22. Power of removal limited. Every person whose rights may be in any way prejudiced contrary to any of the provisions of this section shall be entitled to a writ of mandamus to remedy the wrong. No person holding a position by appointment or employment in the state of New York or in the several cities, counties, towns or villages thereof who is an honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine, having served as such in the Union army or navy during the war of the rebellion, or who is an honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine, having served as such in the army or navy of the United States during the late war with Spain or the incidental insurrection in the Philippines prior to July fourth, nineteen hundred and two, or who shall have served the term required by law in the volunteer fire department of any city, town or village in the state, or who shall have been a member thereof at the time of the disbandment of such volunteer fire department shall be removed from such position except for incompetency or misconduct shown after a hearing upon due notice upon stated charges, and with the right to such employee or appointee to a review by a writ of certiorari. If the position so held by any such honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine or volunteer

fireman shall become unnecessary or be abolished for reasons of economy or otherwise, the said honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine or volunteer fireman holding the same shall not be discharged from the public service, but shall be transferred to any branch of the said service for duty in such position as he may be fitted to fill, receiving the same compensation therefor, and it is hereby made the duty of all persons clothed with power of appointment to make such transfer effective. The burden of proving incompetency or misconduct shall be upon the person alleging the same. In every county of the state wholly included within the limits of a city but not comprising the whole of such city, no regular clerk or head of a bureau or person holding a position in the classified state civil service, subject to competitive examination, shall be removed until he has been allowed an opportunity of making an explanation; and in every case of removal the true grounds thereof shall be forthwith entered upon the records of the department of the office in which he has been employed, and a copy filed with the state civil service commission. In case of a removal, a statement showing the reasons therefor shall be filed in the department or office where such clerk, head of a bureau or person had been employed. Whenever such offices, positions or employments in every county of the state hereinbefore specified are abolished or made unnecessary, it shall be the duty of the head of the department or office in which such persons had been employed, to furnish the names of the person or persons affected to the state civil service commission, with a statement in the case of each of the date of his original appointment in the service. It shall be the duty of the state civil service commission forthwith to place the names of said persons upon a list of suspended employees for the office or position or for the class of work in which they have been employed, or for any corresponding or similar office, position or class of work, and to certify the said persons for reinstatement or re-employment in the order of their original appointment before making certification from any other list. The failure of any person on any such list for reinstatement or re-employment to accept after reasonable notice, an office or position in the same county and at the same salary or wages as the position

formerly held by him, shall be held to be a relinquishment of his right to reinstatement as herein stated. Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to the position of private secretary, cashier or deputy of any official or department.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW YORK,
Office of the Secretary of State, } ss.:

I have compared the preceding with the original law on file in this office, and do hereby certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original law.

SAMUEL S. KOENIG,
Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 335.

An Act to amend the public officers law, in relation to leave of absence of veterans of the regular army, navy and marine corps of the United States, on Memorial day.

Became a law May 19, 1910, with the approval of the Governor. Passed, three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section sixty-three of chapter fifty-one of the laws of nineteen hundred and nine, entitled "An act in relation to public officers, constituting chapter forty-seven of the consolidated laws," is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 63. Leave of absence for veterans on Memorial day. It shall be the duty of the head of every public department and of every court of the state of New York, of every superintendent or foreman on the public works of said state, of the county officers of the several counties of said state, and of the head of every department, bureau and office in the government of the various cities and villages in this state, to give leave of absence with pay for the twenty-four hours of the thirtieth day of May, or such other day as may, according to law, be observed as Memorial day, to every person in the service of the state, the county, the city or village, as the case may be, who served in the army or the navy of the United States in the war of the rebellion, or who served in the regular or volun-

teer army or the navy or the marine corps of the United States during the war with Spain or during the insurrection in the Philippine islands, or who has served in the regular army or navy or marine corps of the United States, and who was honorably discharged from such service. A refusal to give such leave of absence to one entitled thereto shall be neglect of duty.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW YORK,
Office of the Secretary of State, } ss.:

I have compared the preceding with the original law on file in this office, and do hereby certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original law.

SAMUEL S. KOENIG,
Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 392.

An Act to amend the state printing law, in relation to the number of extra copies of certain reports to be printed as legislative documents.

Became a law June 6, 1910, with the approval of the Governor. Passed, three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section eleven of chapter sixty of the laws of nineteen hundred and nine, entitled "An act relating to state printing, constituting chapter fifty-eight of the consolidated laws," as amended by chapter four hundred and thirteen of the laws of nineteen hundred and nine, is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 11. Extra copies of messages and reports. In addition to the usual number of regular reports made by the state officers and institutions, there shall be printed as extra copies of legislative documents for the use of the respective departments, institutions and boards: of the governor's message, two thousand copies, one thousand for the governor and one thousand for the legislature; of the comptroller's report of the finances of the state, fifteen hundred copies; on the canals, two hundred and fifty copies; of the state treasurer's report, seven hundred copies; of the attorney-

general's report, seven hundred copies bound in cloth, three hundred for the use of the attorney-general and four hundred for the use of the legislature; of the state engineer and surveyor's report, one thousand copies; of the report of the superintendent of insurance, four thousand copies, as provided by the insurance law, for the use of the department, and one thousand copies for the use of the legislature; of the report of the adjutant-general, one thousand copies bound in cloth; of the report of the superintendent of public works, one thousand five hundred copies; of the report of the superintendent of state prisons, one thousand five hundred copies bound in cloth; of the report of the state board of charities, one thousand five hundred copies; of the report of the state board of health, two thousand copies; of the report of the department of labor, three thousand five hundred sets, one thousand sets thereof for the use of the legislature; of the report of the state commissioner of excise, one thousand five hundred copies, five hundred copies thereof for the use of the legislature; of the report of the civil service commission, one thousand copies; of the report of the department of agriculture, to be bound in three volumes as directed by the commissioner, seven thousand sets, two thousand sets for the use of the department and five thousand sets for the use of the legislature; of the volumes containing the reports of the Geneva and Ithaca experiment stations, two thousand additional copies for the use of the trustees thereof; of the report of the bureau of farmers' institutes, two thousand additional copies for the use of the bureau; of the report of the state commission in lunacy, one thousand five hundred copies for the commission, and five hundred copies for the legislature; of the report of the state board of tax commissioners, three thousand copies, two thousand for the state board of tax commissioners and one thousand for the legislature; of the regents' reports, one thousand copies; of the state library report, one thousand copies; of the state museum and natural history report, one thousand copies; of the annual reports of the public service commissions, five thousand copies of each, all bound in cloth, one thousand of each for the use of the legislature and four thousand for each commission, said four thousand to include the five hundred copies provided for in the railroad law; of the report of the commissioner of education,

fifteen thousand copies, all bound in cloth, to be distributed by that officer as follows: eleven thousand three hundred copies for the school districts, being one copy for each school district, nine hundred copies to school commissioners and city superintendents of schools, two hundred copies to the state normal and training schools, three hundred copies to academies and high schools, one thousand copies to members and officers of the legislature and state officers, one thousand copies for the use of the commissioner of education, also three hundred copies printed on forty-four pound calendered paper, bound in leather, for exchange with superintendents of public instruction of the states and territories, and for distribution among public libraries; of the report of the superintendent of public buildings, five hundred copies, one hundred in cloth and the balance in paper; of the state geologist's report, one thousand five hundred copies, one thousand for the legislature and five hundred for the state geologist; of the report of the state historian, two thousand two hundred copies for the historian and five hundred copies for the duplicate department of the regents; of the report of the forest, fish and game commission, two thousand copies for the use of the commission, five hundred copies for the duplicate department of the regents, and six thousand copies for the use of the legislature, the report to be printed on calendered paper with such illustrations as may be required; of the report of the Grand Army of the Republic, department of New York, one thousand copies for the use of the Grand Army; of the report of the United Spanish War Veterans, department of New York, one thousand copies for the use of the said organization; of the report of the state superintendent of banks, one thousand copies, as provided in the banking law; of the report of the fiscal supervisor of state charities, fifteen hundred copies; of the report of the state water supply commission, two thousand five hundred copies; of the report of the state highway commission, two thousand copies; of the report of the state probation commission, fifteen hundred copies; of the report of the court of claims, fifteen hundred copies bound in buckram; and for all other institutions established by the state, when their printing is not done by the institutions, five hundred copies each. From the number of reports hereinbefore authorized there shall be delivered by the legislative printer to

the regents for the use of its duplicate department such number of copies of said reports as the commissioner of education may certify before the first printing to be necessary for distribution or exchange, not in any case, however, to exceed fifty copies. Whenever any department shall, under the provisions of law, issue a portion of its annual report in advance in the form of bulletins, such bulletins shall be printed by the contractor for the legislative printing at the rates provided for in his contract. In the case of any printing authorized by this section, or of any printing hereafter authorized by resolution of either branch of the legislature or by a concurrent resolution thereof, no extra charge shall be made except for extra paper or work beyond that required by the terms of the contract actually furnished with the approval of the comptroller, and for such extra paper and work the charge allowed shall not exceed the current market rates. Composition shall not be charged a second time on matter printed from type already set or plates made at state expense, but the comptroller may make suitable allowance for handling of plates and reimposing type forms. In all cases where illustrations are used, the engravings and plates shall forthwith become the property of the state, and thereafter no charge shall be made for their subsequent use, except that the comptroller may make a suitable allowance for the handling of the plates. All of the extra copies of the reports mentioned in this section, except as otherwise provided, shall be bound in paper covers, unless a report shall embrace more than three hundred pages, in which case the whole number of extra copies shall be bound in cloth. Whenever any officer, bureau, board, commission, or any corporation or association shall make to more than one officer or body an annual report to be included in the legislative printing, the state printer shall not print such report for the year more than once at public expense, and the filing of a copy of the report as so printed shall be deemed a compliance with any law requiring a report to any other officer or body than the one to which the original manuscript report was submitted; and any institution which makes a report to any bureau, department or commission, which report is thereafter included in the annual report of said bureau, department or commission to the legislature, shall not be entitled for its own use, to

additional copies of said report, unless otherwise specifically provided. No department, bureau or institution shall be entitled to the extra copies of the messages or reports herein provided unless the whole of the text thereof is placed in the hands of the legislative printer on or before the last day of the legislative session to which such message or report is submitted. All copies of messages and reports printed for the use of the legislature shall be delivered, one-third to the clerk of the senate and two-thirds to the clerk of the assembly, and shall be distributed as said clerks, respectively, shall direct.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
Office of the Secretary of State, } ss.:

I have compared the preceding with the original law on file in this office, and do hereby certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original law.

SAMUEL S. KOENIG,
Secretary of State.

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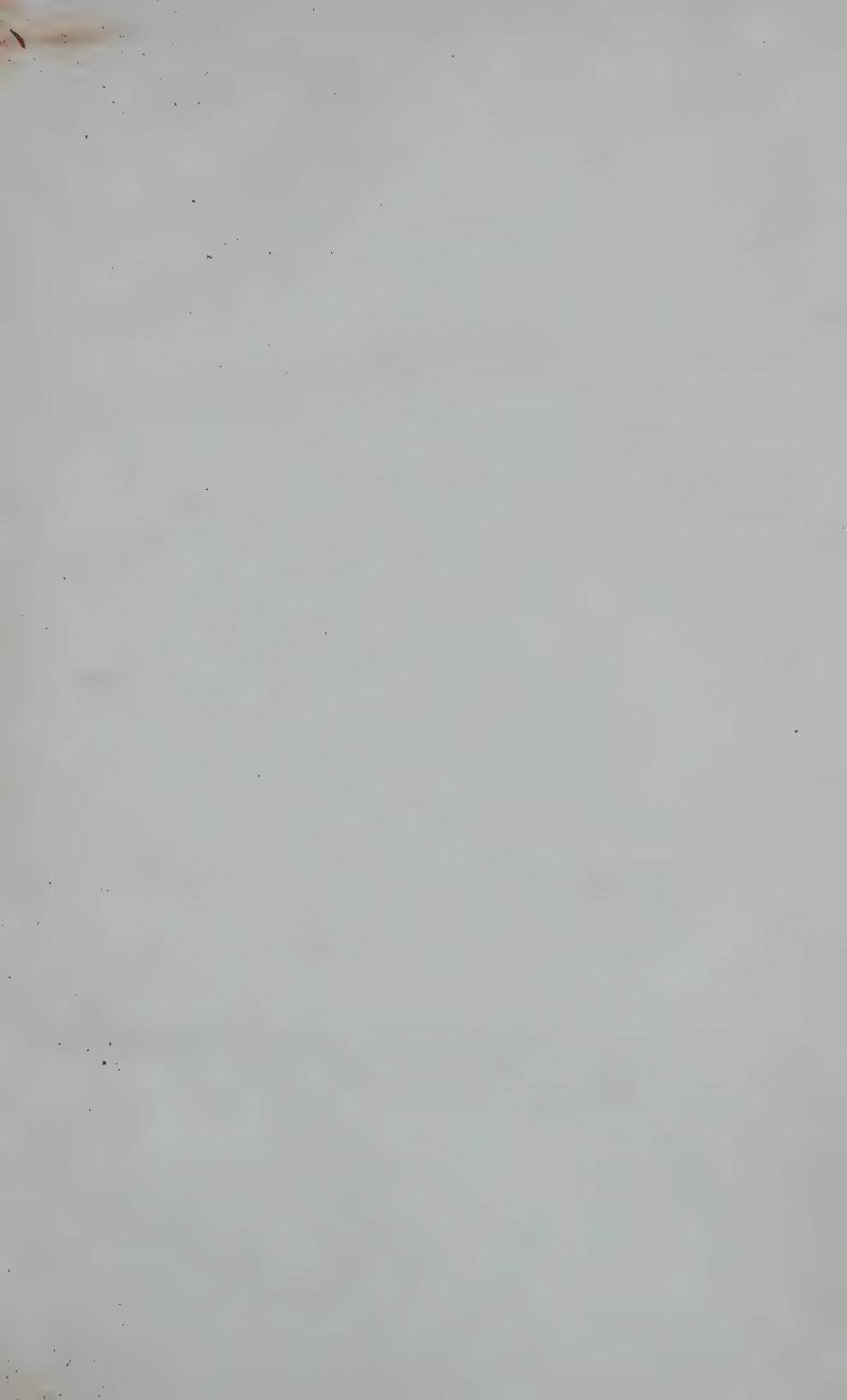
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